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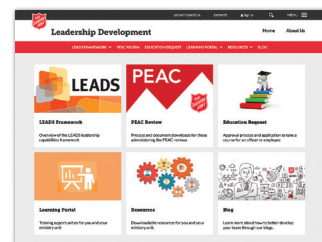
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# Our Virtual World

“Can everyone please mute their mics?” “My video is frozen.” “Oops, no ... sorry, you go ahead.” “How do I click out of this meeting?” Welcome to the wonderful world of video conferencing, where confusion reigns. Many of you who spend your days on Zoom know what I’m talking about.

Trying to get up to speed on the latest technology can be a blessing and a curse. More than ever before, we are connecting online and living in a virtual world. Some people love the opportunity to work from home more often. Others miss the interaction with colleagues and the work-home separation. One thing is for certain, whatever “normal” we go back to after COVID-19, it will be very different from the world we knew.

The editorial team is also working hard to adapt. This is our second month of going digital-only with the publications. We have seen a great uptick in online readership, so thank you for sharing our social media posts and links with your friends. All our current magazines (as well as back issues) can be found in flip-book format at [Issuu.com/Salvationist](http://Issuu.com/Salvationist) and we continue to share our stories on [Salvationist.ca](http://Salvationist.ca). We plan to resume print once corps and other ministry units reopen.

In this issue of *Salvationist*, we introduce the territory’s newest officers, the

Messengers of the Kingdom (page 10). They will be commissioned this month, though it will be via video conference instead of our usual public meetings. Nevertheless, these energetic leaders are ready to take on the challenges of their new appointments and our prayers go with them.

We also launch a new column called “Corps Values,” where we celebrate the role of corps officers who are providing local leadership (page 20). Our spiritual mission cannot be separated from the work we do in our social ministry, and it’s through worship, discipleship and prayer that the leaders of tomorrow are being formed in our congregations.

Elsewhere in the magazine, we spotlight the Army’s work in Bangladesh as Major Shirley King shares her visit to the Others—Trade for Hope project (page 16). We celebrate Father’s Day with a two-part story spanning three generations of Salvationists, written by Oren Cole and his daughter, Captain Nyree Bond (page 14). And in a dialogue between ethicists James Read and Aimee Patterson, we look at what to do when our spiritual heroes let us down (page 18).

Lastly, we continue to profile the great work done by our food banks, shelters, long-term care homes and

other ministries in response to COVID-19 (page 6). I’m reminded of the story of a rabbi who, after a natural disaster, was asked how he could explain such a tragic act of God. His response, “The disaster was an act of nature. The act of God occurred when people stepped up to help each other.” Thanks to all who continue to serve on the front lines in these days.

GEOFF MOULTON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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## Sincere Appreciation

I write to express my sincere appreciation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Division of The Salvation Army as you continue to serve the people of our province during this coronavirus pandemic ("Salvation Army Feeds Truckers Who Keep Supplies Flowing," April 7, 2020). I write especially to ask that you convey my heartfelt thanks to those who continue to serve on the front lines doing what comes naturally for The Salvation Army, putting the welfare of others first. Their concern for others, while always obvious, is especially evident now during COVID-19. The outpouring of support that included a hot meal in Port aux Basques for truckers who continue to work during this difficult time was heartwarming and appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to provide support to those who need the comfort of knowing that, despite what is happening in our world, and in particular close to home, the normalcy that comes with a continued presence of The Salvation Army has not changed. Your presence is reassuring and provides peace of mind.

These are trying times as the world grapples with COVID-19. Leaders everywhere are being asked to make difficult decisions to ensure the safety of everyone. These decisions weigh heavily on those leaders and I know the same is true for the leadership of The Salvation Army. We will get through this together with God's help, because that is what we do. As you continue to make a difference in our corner of the world, on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am extremely grateful. You lead by example.

Judy M. Foote, P.C., O.N.L.

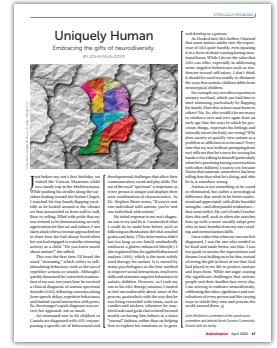
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## Bridging the Gap

Thank you for the article by John McAlister about learning to embrace the gifts of neurodiversity that came with his son's autism spectrum disorder diagnosis ("Uniquely Human," April 2020). We need more of these instructive articles to bridge the gap with those who are suffering and are not churchgoers. It also builds awareness and respect for The Salvation Army in how we work and who we are—humans saved by grace, just like everyone else.

Bettylynn Stoops



## Journey of Faith

A wonderful testimony, Craig Trousdale of Whitby Community Church, Ont. ("New Beginnings," March 2020). Becoming a Christian has really been a new beginning for you, and we thank God. I know that God is going to use you in a wonderful way. Daily communion with God in prayer and the Word will only make you grow in faith and equip you to be a true follower of Christ.

Our prayers are with you as you continue the wonderful and exciting journey with the Lord.

Maurice Wells

## Agree to Disagree

I was taken aback by Captain Laura Van Schaick using a name like Greta Thunberg as a woman making history right now ("#EachforEqual," March 2020). In what way? She has held rallies to try to stop the oil companies and had secret meetings with minority groups in Canada. While we all agree we do need steps to prevent climate change, her approach is devastating to families in Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador who are experiencing tough times due to her rallies. I think you should contact all Salvationists in these provinces and ask them if Greta Thunberg has the credibility to be mentioned in any issue of *Salvationist*.

Glendon Bungay



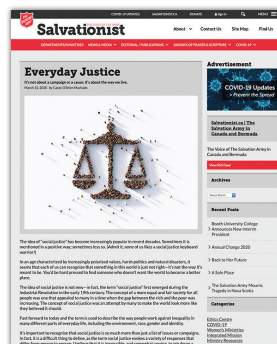
## On the Air

I just finished reading Major Jim Hann's excellent article in the March issue of *Salvationist* on Tom Quick's unique, extraordinary and powerful ministry over the past 20 years on FaithFM ("The Right Frequency," March 2020). Congratulations for the past 20 years, and Godspeed for the 20 years ahead! Only eternity will reveal the final account of how many people he has blessed and ministered

to over the years. Heaven is a more populated place because of Tom and his dear wife, Betty Ann.

Plato had it almost right: "Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order and leads to all that is good and just and beautiful." I say "almost right" because he lived before Christ, who came to the world as the Good, the Just and the Beautiful. Since his life and sacrificial death, music leads those who listen with intent, to the Good, the Just and the Beautiful—Jesus Christ!

Commissioner William W. Francis



## A Way of Life

I love the quote at the end of Casey O'Brien Machado's article on social justice ("Everyday Justice," March 10, 2020): "As former world No. 1 tennis player Arthur Ashe once said: 'Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.'" Such a good reminder to simply DO SOMETHING instead of being overwhelmed at how much there is to do and do nothing.

Brittany Krahn

## Canadian Foodgrains Bank Partnership Brings Hope to Farmers in Malawi

The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda has officially entered into a partnership with the Malawi Territory and Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) to support a three-year conservation agriculture and food security project to assist farmers across Malawi.

The CFGB is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. The Army has been a member since 1996.

In Malawi, food insecurity continues to be an issue as recurring droughts and floods ravage the nation. With 80 percent of the country's population employed in the farming sector, these small-scale farmers rely heavily on conservation agriculture to improve their yields.

Conservation agriculture is a farming technique that helps boost soil fertility, increase food production and build the resilience of agriculture systems. When the Army hosted conservation agriculture training sessions for farmers in Kela, Malawi, they were able to double and triple their harvests.

Based on this success, the partnership with CFGB allows the Army to train more farmers across Malawi. They will receive essential training and support on conservation agriculture practices to increase crop yields, improve nutrition and adapt to climate change. It also enables them to invest in future crops, their children's education and sustain their health and well-being for years to come.

Donations provided to The Salvation Army will be matched by CFGB.

"We are very excited as it is our first project with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank where we will have a 1:1 funding ratio," says Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray, director of world missions. "All donors love to hear when their donations are doubled through matching."



Manjita Biswas, program director for overseas projects, world missions, shares the joys of increased crop production with farmers in Malawi



Joyce Phinfole farms with her family in Malawi

## Ottawa Home Reunites Families With Video



A resident connects with her loved ones using a tablet set up at Grace Manor in Ottawa

The Ottawa Grace Manor long-term care home used video-conferencing to connect residents to their families and loved ones when visitations were restricted during the coronavirus pandemic.

Glenn van Gulik, divisional secretary for public relations, Ontario Central-East Division, had the idea when he thought about his own grandmother who lives in a retirement residence. "With the full restriction on visitation, there could be thousands of long-term care residents in Ottawa who may not be able to have a visual connection with family and friends," says van Gulik, who shared his thoughts with Cameron McCallum, director of Grace Manor. Apple iPads were set up in each wing of the facility so that residents and assisting staff had a quiet space for calls.

"It's another way that The Salvation Army is bringing the best care possible to our residents," says McCallum. "The video calls keep families and residents, who may be feeling isolated, more engaged and it gives them something to look forward to during these difficult times," he says.



## Salvationists Deliver Hampers to Ottawa Residents

The Salvation Army partnered with the Ottawa Food Bank to deliver food to those in need who were unable to leave their homes during the coronavirus outbreak.

Volunteers packed food hampers with six days worth of non-perishable and fresh food, which was delivered by Salvationists from Ottawa Citadel to families throughout the city.

"We were so happy to be serving the community," says Captain Graciela Arkell, corps officer. "Our mission is to serve those in need, and to see organizations come together to help our neighbours is so admirable, especially during this time of uncertainty and anxiety," she says.



Cpt Graciela Arkell, CO, Ottawa Citadel, delivers a food hamper

## Walmart Provides Groceries to Smiths Falls Corps



The Salvation Army corps in Smiths Falls, Ont., received supplies from Walmart for the food bank they were operating during the COVID-19 crisis. Volunteers from the corps served bagged lunches, which included a sandwich and snacks, to more than 50 people on Fridays.

"We have an amazing team who have their food safe training and work in the kitchen to make the lunches," says Major Laurie Reilly, community ministries officer at Mississippi-Rideau Lakes Corps in Smiths Falls, Ont.

Together with her husband, Major Gerald Reilly, corps officer, Major Laurie called Salvationists to check on their well-being. Care packages, including a Bible story, craft and personalized note of encouragement, were also sent to children in the corps.

## IKEA donates \$10,000 in Furniture to Winnipeg Centre of Hope

IKEA Winnipeg donated \$10,000 worth of household items to the Army's Centre of Hope in Winnipeg. The furniture, which included items such as tables, dining chairs, twin beds and dressers, was assembled by IKEA staff and sent to a secondary temporary shelter set up as a response to social distancing guidelines, to keep those who rely on the Army for help stay healthy. "We were extremely grateful for this donation of furniture from IKEA; it came at exactly the right time," says Major Gordon Taylor, executive director at the centre.

"IKEA Winnipeg is pleased to continue to partner with The Salvation Army to support their efforts to provide safe and healthy environments for our community's most vulnerable people," says Daevid Ramey, communications manager, IKEA Winnipeg.



Mjr Gordon Taylor (left) with IKEA staff after furniture was assembled and en route to the shelter

## Window Visits Connect Families in Winnipeg

**R**estricted by COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines, the Army's Golden West Centennial Lodge in Winnipeg created a visitation program whimsically titled "Through the Looking Glass," where residents could meet with their loved ones through a window.

Residents made their way to a window on the main floor of the building and phoned their families who sat outside in a designated space decorated with pictures, plants, tables and chairs.

"Watching the residents' eyes light up when they saw their loved one through the window was heartening," says Major Brenda Coles, spiritual health co-ordinator at the facility. Being able to see one another through the window reduces anxiety for both residents and their families, she notes.

For those who could not have an "in-person" visit, two tablets were available for residents to FaceTime their families. There were already more than 30 window visits and 45 FaceTime calls soon after the program began in April.

"I love seeing the relief on the faces of families when they see their loved ones, realizing that they are indeed doing well and are being well cared for," says Sharon Wright, an administrative assistant who co-ordinated the visits at the lodge.



"Through the Looking Glass" bridges the COVID-19 physical distancing gap

## Fredericton Army Delivers Groceries to Doorsteps



Salvation Army team member delivers food in Fredericton

**T**he Salvation Army in Fredericton extended their Operation Senior Food Box Delivery program, which delivers groceries to seniors while helping to combat loneliness, to anyone in need of food during the COVID-19 pandemic. As individuals in need called the Army, a box was prepared and delivered to their doorstep to ensure social distancing guidelines were kept for everyone's safety.

In the first seven months of the program, volunteers made 28 deliveries. In the first three months of the pandemic, more than 45 food boxes were distributed.

When the program expanded, seniors in particular benefitted as many were afraid to leave their homes due to the COVID-19 situation. "One elderly lady said she was scared to go out," says Susan Strickland, family services co-ordinator. "I can't even imagine what that's like. We're going to help regardless of the situation," she says.

## Federal Government Provides \$5 Million to Salvation Army

**P**rime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a \$5-million donation to The Salvation Army out of a \$100-million investment to improve access to food for Canadians facing social, economic and health impacts during the coronavirus pandemic in April.

"Many of our more than 200 community and family ser-

vices offices across the country have seen a rise in the usage of food banks since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic," says Lt-Colonel John Murray, secretary for communications. "We are truly grateful to the Government of Canada for their support as we continue to deliver our essential services to those who need us most," he says.



# Commissioned for Service

Messengers of the Kingdom to step out in ministry across the territory.

BY COMMISSIONER FLOYD TIDD



Every June, Salvationists from across the Canada and Bermuda Territory anticipate the commissioning and ordination of a session of new lieutenants. Having successfully completed their training program through the College for Officer Training, the Messengers of the Kingdom are prepared to step into appointments across the territory. But this year, things are shaping up differently. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are restrictions on large gatherings. Travel is discouraged. In our ever-changing reality, it seems the only certainty we have is physical distancing.

It is for such a time as this that messengers of the kingdom are needed. During his years of ministry, Jesus gathered a following, including the Twelve Apostles who intimately shared his journey of teaching and touching lives. Luke's Gospel records Jesus sending out his disciples on many occasions to minister in his name. "When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:1-2). Messengers of the kingdom were needed then, and they are needed now.

The venue and the medium by which family, friends, colleague officers and soldiers share in this year's solemn, yet

joy-filled commissioning, ordination and sending out of the Messengers of the Kingdom Session may be different, but the key elements remain unchanged. There are three steps that are taken by the cadets before they become officers. Each cadet steps forward to sign their Officer's Covenant in a sacred covenant service shared with their session-mates and witnessed by college staff officers and territorial leadership. Next, they are ordained as ministers of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and commissioned as officers in The Salvation Army with the rank of lieutenant. In the final step, each new officer is publicly presented with their first appointment as a Salvation Army officer.

Messengers of the Kingdom will take up their appointments across the territory to live out their calling and covenant. They will join the ranks of hundreds of officers, active and retired, who have bound themselves to God in a solemn covenant. They promise to love and serve him supremely all their days, to live to win souls and make their salvation the first purpose of their lives, to care for the poor, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unloved and befriend those who have no friends, and to maintain the doctrines and principles of The Salvation Army. And they will do so as Messengers of the Kingdom—the kingdom of God that will

never end. God needs people to declare through their words and lives that his is a living, unshakeable kingdom, as described so beautifully in Matthew 5:3-12:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*


*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The message of this kingdom is as true today as it was when professed and demonstrated to the Twelve. Having sent them out to preach the kingdom, Jesus continued to teach them. The message of this kingdom is entrusted not only to this session of cadets, but to all followers of Jesus.

The learning for the Messengers of the Kingdom does not end as they leave the College for Officer Training. Jesus continues to teach his messengers, instructing us in the ways of living in the world where God is sovereign. He continues to train our hearts and minds to live according to the realities of his kingdom.

As we witness the commissioning and ordination of this year's session of new lieutenants and watch them as they share the message of the kingdom across this territory, the challenge is before us. Will we go? The One who was sent by God, now sends you and me to go and make disciples of all nations, as we share the message of the kingdom. 



Commissioner Floyd Tidd is the territorial commander of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.

# Thy Kingdom Come

New lieutenants ready to share the gospel with the world.



Photos: Carson Samson

On June 20, the Canada and Bermuda Territory will welcome 14 new officers in the Messengers of the Kingdom Session. As they prepare to be commissioned, these Salvationists reflect on their calling, the kingdom of God and the mission of The Salvation Army.

## Principal's Commendation

On behalf of the staff of the College for Officer Training (CFOT) in Winnipeg, it is my privilege to present the newest session of cadets to be ordained and commissioned as officers in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. I commend these Messengers of the Kingdom to you with the prayer: O Lord, may your kingdom come. Please join me in praying that these lieutenants will be used mightily so that the kingdom of God will be fully realized "on earth as it is in heaven."

During 22 months of training, these Salvationists have developed in character and competency through spiritual formation, academic studies and practical field training. They are equipped to be messengers of God's kingdom in the communities to which they are appointed, keen to meet human needs, to

offer hope and a message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

These lieutenants have accepted God's rule and reign over their lives. They are convinced of their calling and now commit to spending their lives as messengers of the King, loving him and serving him all their days. Through their ministry, they will seek to broaden God's domain here on earth. I am confident that as they continue to learn, gain experience and grow into the fullness of their calling, they will become people of kingdom influence through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within them.

It has been a joy to journey with these cadets during their time at training college. The CFOT staff now release them to be Messengers of the Kingdom.



**Major Andrew Morgan**  
Training Principal





### Alecia Barrow

Training college has been a life-changing experience, and while there have been challenging times, God has shown his faithfulness to me day after day. One of my most meaningful experiences was at the Centre of Hope in Winnipeg. During a conversation with a young woman after a service, I asked if I could pray for her and she said yes. Several months later, we went back and this woman told me that God had answered our prayers from that night and her situation was rapidly improving. Before coming to CFOT, I wasn't sure what it meant to be a Messenger of the Kingdom. Now, I know it means telling the world that Jesus has come, and he came to redeem and restore the brokenness of our world.

*Appointed corps officer,  
Cornerstone Community Church,  
Mississauga, Ont.*



### April Keeping

While at training college, we spent our summer assignment at Cariboo Hill Temple in Burnaby, B.C. During that time, we were privileged to accompany a group of children from a local elementary school to the Army's Camp Sunrise in Gibsons, B.C. These children brought their own life experiences, difficulties and challenges, yet we were able to walk with them as they heard the gospel—some of them, for the first time! As I reflect on what it means to be a Messenger of the Kingdom, I think of Matthew 5 and I am reminded that God's kingdom is for the meek, the hungry, the merciful, the overlooked. God invites us, and has invited me, to build that kingdom by proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

*Appointed corps officer,  
Temiskaming Community Church,  
New Liskeard, Ont.*



### Brandon Keeping

In 2017, I attended a leadership conference with the goal of getting help as a worship leader. During the weekend, however, God spoke to me through one of his faithful servants—as the person prayed with me, I saw myself preaching, teaching and praying alongside my wife, April. As it turned out, she was feeling the same thing and here we are, about to be commissioned. My vision for The Salvation Army is that we would rely on Jesus for our strength. We are being pointed back to the Holy Spirit, to real prayer and discipleship, to having faith. The future of our movement depends on how well its people trust in God.

*Appointed corps officer,  
Temiskaming Community Church,  
New Liskeard, Ont.*



### Kathryn Dueck

I'm a third-generation Salvationist, so officership was always on the radar. But I never considered myself the ideal candidate. I assumed my introversion and a long struggle with depression automatically disqualified me. God has a sense of humour, however. A couple of years after I basically dared God to make me an officer, I found myself standing on the steps of CFOT, equipped with little but a profound sense of calling and gratitude. Training college has rarely been easy, but the Holy Spirit has taught me vital lessons through every experience. To me, being a Messenger of the Kingdom means faithful allegiance and service to my king, Jesus Christ, and the privilege of telling other people about him.

*Appointed associate corps officer,  
Saskatoon Temple*



### Danielle Feltham

Ever since I was a young girl I knew that I was called to be a Salvation Army officer—even before I knew what a calling was. I would even call myself “the little captain.” As I grew up, I considered other

professions, but eventually reached a point where the only thing I could see myself doing was becoming an officer and I knew I had to answer the call on my life. My dream for The Salvation Army is that we

would continue to grow in integrated mission, sharing the good news and making connections with everyone in our communities.

*Appointed chaplain, Bethany Hope Centre, Ottawa*



### Bill Mailman

We spent our summer assignment serving at the Army's Scotian Glen Camp in Thorburn, N.S., and over the course of the summer, I had the honour of witnessing more than 300 young people accept the gift of salvation—including my own two children. This showed me that God is working in a real and powerful way through The Salvation Army's camping ministries. Through my experiences at CFOT, I have learned that God has called me for a purpose and he'll use me if I let him. It's OK that I don't know what the future holds because he does, and I can do this only through the power and strength that he provides.

*Appointed corps officer, The Salvation Army Community Church, Swift Current, Sask.*



### Renee Mailman

My parents were officers, so people often asked me when I was going to training college, but I never felt called. It wasn't until I was married with two children that I started to feel the call to officership. The call kept getting stronger until I knew that I would never be at peace until I said yes. Over the past two years, it has been wonderful to learn about the kingdom of God through my Booth University College classes. This experience has helped me appreciate that I have been called to give my life in full-time ministry, to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to live my life in a way that shows the kingdom of God to others.

*Appointed corps officer, The Salvation Army Community Church, Swift Current, Sask.*



### Emily Newbury

My time at CFOT has been a season of significant growth for me—I am not the same person who arrived in Winnipeg in 2018, and that's a good thing! My mind has been shaped, my understanding and appreciation of who God made me to be has been refined, and, most importantly, I'm now excited to live out my sessional name. Though my session officially holds the title, every person in our territory is a messenger of the kingdom. My dream is that we would all identify ourselves as such so that the good news might be proclaimed with boldness and excitement as God's kingdom continues to be built here on earth.

*Appointed corps officer, Charlottetown Community Church, P.E.I.*



### Kyron Newbury

I first felt called at the age of 13 when my youth pastor told me that God wanted me to be an officer and prayed over me at the altar. Since then, God has used people, sermons and music to call me to training college. CFOT has been a wonderful and difficult experience. God has helped me to see myself more clearly, which is helping me to be a better leader and pastor. My prayer for The Salvation Army is that we would get outside our homes and churches and share Jesus with our neighbours. Whether that means taking to the streets, having coffee with a friend, doing an open-air service, or something else—it doesn't matter as long as we share Jesus with the world.

*Appointed corps officer, Charlottetown Community Church, P.E.I.*





### Bob Roffel

One of the most meaningful experiences I had while attending training college was watching my wife, Susan, lead a Sunday meeting during our summer assignment in Botwood, N.L. It was a slow-motion moment where my heart was filled with joy and thanksgiving for the opportunity God has given us to be in ministry together for him. CFOT has been an experience of rediscovering God's grace and reaffirming his calling on my life. I am confident that he desires for me to be here and that is reassuring. As his child, my eternity with him has begun. To be able to share in that with other believers, and to work alongside the Holy Spirit in sharing the gospel, is the highest privilege and joy of my life.

*Appointed corps officer,  
Lindsay, Ont.*



### Susan Roffel

My calling to officership came at the same time as my call to repentance. I was six years old and a group of Salvationists was outside my building, conducting an open-air service. The bass drum player yelled to the people, "Who wants a friend who will never leave you?" and I yelled back, "I do!" The man took off his drum and put it in the middle of the circle where I knelt and gave my heart to the Lord. When I got up from my knees, I felt God telling me that I was going to be one of those people one day. Forty-plus years later, I finally find myself here—surrendered, with Jesus alive in me. I am humbled, emboldened and excited to see God at work all around me every day.

*Appointed community ministries  
officer and corps officer, Lindsay,  
Ont.*



### Andrew Sweet

God called me into full-time ministry while I was at school studying music. He gave me a clear vision of a life that was bigger and greater than what I had planned for myself. Being a Salvation Army officer means that I can make an impact on the lives of people in the way that officers have impacted my life. My time at training college has caused me to question everything, in the best way possible. It has expanded my knowledge and solidified my understanding of who God has created me to be. For me, to be a Messenger of the Kingdom is to be a bringer of hope. The kingdom of God brings redemption and restoration to the world, and as an officer, I will be privileged to bring hope to the communities that I serve.

*Appointed corps officer, Trail, B.C.*



### Olivia Campbell-Sweet

For me, being a Messenger of the Kingdom means that I have a responsibility to ensure that all of God's children have a safe place to land and explore their faith. I have a responsibility to not only welcome all people, but also love and serve them as Jesus would. My dream for The Salvation Army is that we would be mobilized to go and serve in our neighbourhoods and the world, as best as we possibly can, emulating our Father. I dream of a Salvation Army that is not only a tangible expression of Jesus' love, but is also organized in a way that enables people to serve and lead using their God-given giftings.

*Appointed corps officer, Trail, B.C.*



### Stephen Frank

For the past year, I have been appointed as a field-based cadet in Brandon, Man., and I have learned a lot from the experience. There is only so much you can learn in the classroom—it is out in the thick of things where you really learn about the Army

and its mission. During this time, I have seen God do amazing things. He is a God who is not only involved in the big things, but also in the little things. My hope for The Salvation Army is that we will never lose our mission and focus on God. There will be pressure from

society to move away from biblical truth, but we must remain faithful to God if we are going to serve him and others.

*Appointed corps officer and  
community and family services  
officer, Brandon, Man.*



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# A Fishing Tale

Fond memories of my dad—and the hope of heaven—bring peace and comfort.

BY OREN COLE

**I**n my growing-up years, the most influential adult in my life was my father, Major Ross H. Cole. When my parents retired in 1958, I was eight years old. We moved to South River, N.L., a quiet little town about 65 kilometres outside St. John's. By this time, my siblings had left home—my oldest sister was married, and my brother and other sister were teaching school in other parts of the province—so I felt like an only child. I spent hours with my dad. Life was simple then; innocent, secure and full of dreams. I can still vividly recall scenes that bring a smile of contentment to my soul.

My dad built me a small “speed” boat. It was about three metres long and powered by a Johnson 5½-horsepower outboard motor. He soon taught me how to handle it with complete confidence. That little boat took us out into the saltwater bay where we would jig for codfish, but Dad's favourite outing was to take the boat to Aunt Susanna's Pond to fish for trout. We trolled for mud trout or rain-



The Cole family in 1960. Mjr Ross and Mrs. Beulah Cole are in the middle, with Oren Cole in front

bow trout, the best species for eating. The odd time we hooked one of those ever-present ornery eels, which gave me the creeps—not only when reeling it in, but especially when trying to take it off the hook.

My dad and I had many conversations as we sat at either end of that boat, early in the morning or late in the evening. We caught fish, laughed together

and discussed life, but mainly enjoyed each other's company. I didn't know the word back then, but now I realize that those times resulted in a special bonding between the two of us. One thing I did know was that when I grew up, I wanted to be just like my dad, the man I admired most of all.

To this day, when I visit Newfoundland and Labrador and drive by Aunt Susanna's Pond or see the waters of the Atlantic just down the road from my boyhood home, my mind wanders back to the many times I spent with Dad—the comfort of his voice, the feeling of his affection and love. With my dad nearby, there was never any need to be in a rush; things were well under control and we always had time to talk.

Even now, on those still and quiet evenings when the sun is setting and I am near a pond or river, I can visualize Dad's silhouette, his white hair with the brush cut and that oh-so-gentle smile. And if it's quiet enough, I can hear him clear his throat, which he often did—that's how




I found him in a crowd. If I listen hard enough, I can almost hear him laugh.

My dad died several years ago. By then, I was a grandfather myself. I remember going to the burial and standing by the graveside after the crowd had left, as the men started throwing dirt into the grave. I watched as the seagulls played nearby and listened as the waves crashed against the rocky beach. And I cried my heart out.

Then I remembered one of our discussions from the boat, when we talked about death. I had a hundred questions, and most of his answers brought comfort—except when he said he looked forward to heaven. As a young boy, I didn't want to hear that. I never wanted my dad to die. The thought brought a lump to my throat.

But standing at his grave, I knew his longing for heaven had been fulfilled. I was comforted by the thought that the Lord was giving my dad exactly what he wanted. Somehow it lessened my grief.

I walked across the road to the edge of the seashore and looked out to the spot where we had gone cod fishing so many years before. As my tears dried, I stood there and read a passage from the New Testament—the promise that when the Lord returns, the dead in Christ will rise, and then “the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master ... And then there will be one huge family reunion” (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 MSG). 

*Oren Cole is the corps leader in Brampton, Ont.*



Mjr Ross H. Cole and Oren Cole

# A Lasting Legacy

Fishing for souls is a family affair.

BY CAPTAIN NYREE BOND



From left, Cpts David and Nyree Bond, Oren Cole, Chad and Lisa Cole, Glenda Cole, Carla and Graham Holmes

**O**ur family has been steeped in Salvation Army tradition for five generations. My great-grandparents became officers in the early 1900s, followed by my grandparents, who were commissioned in 1931, and ministered across the province of Newfoundland and Labrador until their retirement. My father, Oren Cole, considered officership at a young age, yet continued to work in other areas until God firmly called my parents later in life to serve full time in The Salvation Army.

I was dedicated to God under the Army flag at seven days old. When I was growing up, my father was the corps secretary and was regularly called to the platform to speak. He would share an encouraging short story or poem that he had written. I was always so proud of his eloquence. As he got older, he seemed more sentimental and would sometimes shed a tear during his prayers. It wasn't usual for me to see my father cry when I was a child, so it was moving to me as a young adult. His passion for ministry was evident.


He was a devoted member of the corps, while balancing the demands of work and family life. He was often at the corps, tending to business administration, doing property maintenance, leading the songsters or cooking a gourmet dinner for the whole church. He visited seniors during the week and every Sunday he greeted the elderly with a hug or handshake. I always wondered how my dad knew everyone, but as I got older, I realized it was because of his love for others and his church.

In 2009, when my parents were considering retirement, the Lord had other

plans and called my parents into full-time ministry. They became corps leaders. I was elated. It might be surprising for most people to begin a new career at that age, but not for them. When the news was announced, everyone was thrilled and agreed they were made for ministry leadership—proof that it is never too late to do what you are meant to do.

My husband, David, and I were commissioned in the Prayer Warriors Session in 2010 and have served as corps officers in four different appointments. My brother and his wife were commissioned in 2017, and were appointed to High River, Alta., ironically also our first appointment.

The Army heritage of officership is woven throughout our families, and there are 24 officers on both sides. David's parents, Majors Eric and Donna Bond, continue to inspire and encourage us in our own ministry. We are so grateful for our many aunts, uncles, grandparents and great-grandparents, including our beloved cousin General Linda Bond (Rtd), who was influential in my own calling to officership. All these people have made a great impact on our lives and influenced our leadership. We are grateful for their legacy.

It is a privilege of ministry to journey with others on their spiritual walk, to offer support, encouragement and guidance when those we care for need our help. We are proud to serve as officers in The Salvation Army and perhaps one day God will call one of our children to carry on this legacy of faith. 

*Captain Nyree Bond is the corps officer and community ministries officer in St. Thomas, Ont.*





Mjr Shirley King with Depoli at The Salvation Army's community development project in Old Dhaka, Bangladesh. Depoli now earns a fair wage and is able to support her family

# Making a Difference

Meeting the gifted artisans of The Salvation Army's Others—Trade for Hope in Bangladesh was the experience of a lifetime.

BY MAJOR SHIRLEY KING

I arrived in Dhaka, Bangladesh, late at night. As we manoeuvred through the busy capital, I was mesmerized by the sights and sounds. Throngs of people filled the streets and tuk-tuks, rickshaws and cars darted in every direction. To say I was excited to be making this trip is an understatement! For nearly four years, I had worked to build the Others—Trade for Hope program in the Canada and Bermuda Territory, through the women's ministries department.

And now I was here, with other members of the Others—Trade for Hope global council, to plan future strategies, visit the production centres and see the product line—but most of all, to meet the artisans and hear their stories of hope. Behind every beautiful, handcrafted

Others product is a changed life.

I didn't want to miss a beat of this experience. *Help me be attentive to every person, every conversation and every opportunity to learn*, I prayed. *Help me encourage and—where possible—make a difference.*

## Transforming Lives

As a Salvation Army social enterprise, Others—Trade for Hope creates fairly compensated employment for people who would otherwise have limited opportunities. Products made in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Kenya are sold through Salvation Army distributors in Canada, the United States and Norway, and the proceeds go back into creating more jobs. In Bangladesh, there are 726 gifted artisans.

In many cases, production units are linked with Army community development projects. In Old Dhaka, we visited the Counselling and Development Centre and met the women who are part of the program. We were greeted with exuberant joy. We shared food and fellowship, and listened as they explained how the literacy classes, home league and sewing work for Others were transforming their lives.

Depoli came from a life of exploitation. She joined the job program and began making embroidered hearts for Others. The Salvation Army has become a haven where she hears the gospel, has learned a new skill, shares productive hours with other women and is earning a fair wage. From her income with Others, she opened a tea shop, and from her savings, purchased a rickshaw. Now she has three rickshaws, and is able to provide food, shelter, medicine and education for her children.

After seeing the Others project, we visited a slum area, with hundreds of makeshift shelters. We were invited into the home of one of the production workers. She lived in a one-room house with her husband and two children. There was a bed, a few plastic chairs and a kitchen nook with a basic stove. Dozens of people crowded into the narrow doorway to see these people from another country, so we went back out into the alley to finish our visit.

In the middle of the slum, with men, women and children standing around us, we offered prayer on their behalf. A place of extreme poverty became the richest place on earth as we came before God. It was a defining moment, a privilege to know the hope of a living, loving and powerful God in a broken world.

## Hope for the Future

In Jashore, we visited a workshop where the clacking noise of a loom filled the air. In 2017, the Others—Trade for Hope global council partnered with New York-based illustrator and designer Lily Qian to create a unique collection of scarves. Each scarf is hand-dyed, hand-woven and includes elements of hand-embroidery





Tandra Mondol, production manager for Others—Trade for Hope in Bangladesh, shows one of the hand-woven scarves designed by Lily Qian, a New-York based illustrator and designer

or hand-painting.

Qian travelled to Bangladesh to work directly with the artisans and develop the project. “My dream is for the women in Bangladesh to build confidence and hope for their future,” she says.

And now here we were in Bangladesh, meeting the master weaver and watching the beautifully woven scarf being intricately turned out on the loom. Every thread is individually counted for quality design. The women and men at the Salvation Army workshop were so proud of all their work.

### The Pain of Poverty

The Salvation Army project site in Jashore is directly across the road from a brothel area. A few of us took the short walk down an alley, where we observed men waiting in line. Standing in the centre of the brothel courtyard, surrounded by little children and women of all ages, was numbing. It was one of those times when I became aware of the Bible verse that says, when we don’t know what to pray for, the Spirit intercedes for us (see Romans 8:26).

As we approached the women to have a conversation through an interpreter, we became aware that they recognized The Salvation Army and saw us as people who could and would help. “Please give us work,” they implored, as they held on to our hands. “We don’t want to live here.



Behind every beautiful, handcrafted Others product is a changed life

We want to work.” We listened and prayed that somehow God would open doors for more work for these dear people.

### Holy Ground

On one of our last days, we travelled to Shankarpur by plane, van, motorized raft and foot to meet members of the corps and community. We were greeted with dancing, given fresh flowers and petals were strewn in our path as we made our way to the small, corrugated-tin structure where the corps meets for worship. Members of the community, including those of Muslim and Hindu faiths, joined us.


As we approached the site, I became aware that others had removed their shoes and sandals before entering. Following the lead of my colleagues, I removed mine as well. I was reminded of the Lord’s words to Moses: “The place where you are standing is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5). Indeed, it was—a beautiful picture of authentic unity, the community coming together to share in the gospel message, singing, conversation, encouragement and fellowship.

I must admit I felt a little uncomfortable when we were given the seats of honour on the

slightly elevated platform, adorned with a neon cross hanging on the curtained wall, while our new friends sat on the tarp-covered ground. We were all seeking the same Saviour.

### A World of Difference

As we visited each of the project sites, we were greeted with joy, respect and pride. As much as we heard people express gratitude for Others—Trade for Hope, we also heard their pleas as they implored us to create more employment opportunities for them. It was clear that each handcrafted item made by gifted artisans—an embroidered heart, a cloth bag, an apron, a tea towel, a designer scarf—represents the potential to change a life.

Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined the doors that would open to me as I became involved in the Others—Trade for Hope initiative. The opportunities to meet resilient, creative, hospitable people, understand the processes of production and see the difference it makes as we partner with our brothers and sisters around the world, has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my officership. I would do it again, in a heartbeat! 

*Major Shirley King is the divisional secretary for women’s ministries, divisional adult ministries secretary and divisional retired officers’ secretary in the Ontario Central-East Division.*

*To purchase items from Others—Trade for Hope visit [salvationist.ca/others](http://salvationist.ca/others).*



Mjr Shirley King visits Bangladesh to meet the gifted artisans behind The Salvation Army’s Others—Trade for Hope social enterprise

# Truth Be Told

Reckoning with the fall of a hero.

BY JAMES READ AND AIMEE PATTERSON



Jean Vanier at his home in Trosly-Breuil, France

**D**r. James Read, director of *The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in Winnipeg*, and Dr. Aimee Patterson, a Christian ethics consultant at the Ethics Centre, reflect on recent, troubling news about Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, a network of communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities live, work and grow together, celebrating the unique gift of each person.

Dear Jim,

Jean Vanier. What can I say in the wake of learning that the founder of L'Arche engaged in sexually, emotionally and spiritually abusive relationships with at least six women?

I've used Vanier's words so many times. He could always get to the heart of what it means to love and be loved by people swept aside by society.

My deepest concerns, however, lie not with the Vanier who spoke so eloquently about community and compassion. I'm sure the time will come when I use his words again.

I'm more troubled by the Vanier who lived out his message. He knew he wasn't a saint; he admitted as much. Even so, he offered a potent example of a Christian life marked by obedience and liberation, one deeply embedded in relationship with "the least of these."

My deepest concerns address good, evil and trust. How can the person who used his power to advocate for disabled people be the same person who used his power to exploit and abuse women? And how can we trust people who seem to be trustworthy, knowing we are all capable of such betrayal?

—Aimee

Dear Aimee,

I hear what you are saying. The Saturday morning when the story broke, I learned about it through a friend. My immediate reaction was, "Tell me it's not true!" I was incredulous. It was so much at odds with what I knew of Jean Vanier. In my mind, he was not only someone

I looked up to as a fellow Canadian philosopher, but someone I admired for his gentle, self-effacing, almost saintly demeanour. When he delivered his Massey Lectures in 1998, he didn't leave his humble home in Trosly-Breuil, France, for the bright lights, big crowds and gala celebrations he would have received in Toronto. It all seemed consistent with the message he preached.

So, to learn that this same Vanier had sexually abused anyone, let alone *six* people, completely blew me away. It didn't fit at all.

Of course, I didn't know him first-hand, so I wonder, had I been jumping to conclusions about Vanier's character? Did he simply have good PR? Terry O'Reilly's CBC radio show *Under the Influence* regularly reminds me how skillful some image-makers are.

You ask how we can trust others. Good question. But right now, I question my own judgment. Am I too ready to trust?

—Jim



Dear Jim,

It's an awful thing to have to question your own judgment—to feel the shame of being duped.

Vanier himself said, "Can you trust another if you don't trust yourself?"

We're all called to be trustworthy. And mutual trust is critical for mentoring and pastoral care relationships. You and I have taught about the power dynamics that exist in these intimate relationships. When the person holding greater power is accountable to an authority outside the relationship, he is less likely to deceive himself into thinking he has no power. Accountability can help prevent exploitation of the vulnerable person, contribute to a sense of safety, and build trust in the relationship.

Jesus said a good tree is recognized by its fruit. L'Arche has been applauded for having the integrity to investigate claims and openly share their findings; for breaking the news to core members gently and supportively; and for persisting in creating communities of belonging. This is good fruit—reason, I think, to trust the organization.

But Jesus also said wolves come in

sheep's clothing, which makes assessing a person's character by their actions sound much more complicated. Was Vanier pulling the wool over our eyes? Perhaps there are parts of him I can trust and other parts I cannot.

—Aimee

## My immediate reaction was, "Tell me it's not true!"

Dear Aimee,

One of my definitions of worship is "complete unreserved trust." When coupled with the commandment to have no other gods besides God (see Exodus 20:3), this means the degree of trust I put in anyone or anything else should be limited. The revelations about Jean Vanier are a reminder of the importance of limiting trust.

This morning I heard someone say, "I trust science and scientists." In the context of COVID-19, I take the speaker to mean that he wants decisions about quarantine to be based

on what is actually known about the spread of infections, not on the basis of a powerful politician's gut feelings. Still, it made me pause. Nowadays, where do I and others put our trust—our total, unquestioning trust?

Jean Vanier clearly did not deserve it. But then, who does? Not the smartest scientist or the shrewdest financier or the best church. Only God deserves worship. It seems that I regularly need to remind myself of that.

However, I also need to remember that, as a friend once told me, "Even a stopped clock is right twice a day." Even flawed characters like Jean Vanier can say some really important things. And the transformation that L'Arche has made in the lives of many intellectually disabled adults—and those who share life with them—is huge. I think it's true that "sharing our weakness and difficulties is more nourishing to others than sharing our qualities and successes," and if it is, then could taking note of Vanier's weaknesses, in the right way, be more nourishing than taking note of his qualities?

Grace and peace in abundance.

—Jim



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Lt-Col Sandra Rice, then divisional commander of the Ont. CE Div, helps serve a meal during an emergency disaster response

## Hometown Proud

Lt-Colonel Sandra Rice describes her “inescapable calling” as she returns to her roots in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Salvationist:** After nearly 40 years as a Salvation Army officer, and six years as the divisional commander of the Ontario Central-East Division, you will soon be returning to Newfoundland and Labrador as a corps officer at Robert’s Arm–Pilley’s Island Corps. What are your thoughts about this new assignment?

**Lt-Colonel Sandra Rice:** This is an opportunity to return to that which is foundational to me as an officer. I have always had an inescapable calling to be a corps officer. I have gained valuable experience and am incredibly grateful for any influence I have been able to make as a divisional youth secretary, training college officer, training principal, secretary for personnel and divisional commander. Nevertheless, as I approach my 40th anniversary as an officer, I look back on my appointments as a corps officer as those which have given me the greatest satisfaction.

To be a corps officer truly identifies me with Jesus who came into the world to seek and save those who were lost. Of course, I can’t save anyone, but I can faithfully point people to the Saviour. As a corps officer, I have the privilege to ensure these same people are disciplined and moved toward a mature faith. As a corps officer, I am

given access to people’s lives and homes and have the privilege of journeying with them in their joy and in their pain. As a corps officer, I am uniquely and directly positioned to offer a wonderful message of hope, to help people better embrace this present life to the full and equip them for the life yet to come. As a corps officer, I not only get to pastor a congregation of people, but I can participate in the life of a community, and in this case communities, helping meet individual needs while sharing the transforming message of the gospel.

**How have your years in executive leadership prepared you for this new appointment?**

I believe the events and experiences of every appointment provide opportunities to grow, learn and mature. During these past years, I have been able to participate in broader discussions focusing on The Salvation Army’s mission in a changing and diverse culture. I have been part of a team of people who have wrestled with complex issues, addressing mission advancement, assessing relevance, stewarding financial and personnel resources and developing strategy.

The discussions in which I have been involved and the decisions made—for


good and ill—have broadened my perspective, added insight and, hopefully, provided wisdom and experience that will assist in ministry at the local level.

In my role as divisional commander, I have learned so much from leaders in the field, and never more so than from those serving in corps appointments. Space does not allow me to elaborate, but those lessons, perhaps as much as anything else, have prepared me for my new appointment. I believe The Salvation Army can add focus on the significance of the corps officer, assessing the challenges and celebrating successes and ministry. That is a topic for another day, but please, come back and talk to me in six months, and I may be able to provide a more detailed perspective as one who is living the experience.

**I understand you are going to an appointment with which you have some familiarity. Tell us about that.**

Though I have been an officer for nearly 40 years, I have been out of corps leadership for the last 20 years. Not only that, but I have been away from my home province, Newfoundland and Labrador, for 36 years. Who could have imagined that my heart and mind would be so focused on serving in and ministering to the very communities that shaped and influenced me in my earlier years?

I lived in Pilley’s Island for the earlier years of my life, then moved five kilometres away to Robert’s Arm. These are small communities, but it was here and at this corps where I spent the bulk of my formative years. Following university, I returned to Robert’s Arm as a high school teacher. It was from this corps and community that I entered the College for Officer Training in 1978. I am honoured to be given the opportunity to return to these communities to serve and live out my calling and covenant, signed 40 years ago.

I am aware of the responsibility, and to some extent the challenges, but I am humbled by the beautiful privilege that comes with a corps officer appointment. I just want to do my best to live up to that and to those entrusted to me, and honour God in so doing. 



# Heavenly Citizenship

For Captains Tina and Keesom Phanthamath, the call to officership just made sense.

BY KEN RAMSTEAD

“Our lives have never been the same since we became Salvation Army officers,” smiles Captain Keesom Phanthamath of the decision he and his wife, Captain Tina Phanthamath, made. “God put his love and compassion in my heart for the lost. I felt his calling,”

“When God spoke to my heart,” continues Captain Tina, “I wanted to serve and give my life to God. That’s why I decided to become an officer.”

## Finding Her Way

Captain Tina was born in Colorado and met Captain Keesom, who lived in Hamilton, Ont., through a mutual friend. A long-distance relationship ensued before the couple were married in 2005.

“I was raised a Buddhist,” says Captain Tina, “but I came to know Christ through Keesom and I began attending The Salvation Army Hamilton Laotian Corps (now called New Heights Community Church) in Hamilton in 2005.”

Captain Tina continued to attend church with Captain Keesom and eventually accepted Jesus into her heart.

As the new Christian read the Bible, she came across: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the

door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7).

When she read those words, she developed a deep hunger for God’s presence.

“After that, I sought God through prayer and meditation. And my mind was renewed by the Word of God and my life was transformed by the Holy Spirit.”

## In God’s Direction

Captain Keesom was born in Laos. After three years in a refugee camp, his family was sponsored by Christians in Canada and settled in Simcoe, Ont., in 1991.

Captain Keesom’s brother-in-law invited him to attend the Laotian Corps, and he soon made it his home church.

When he was a young man, Captain Keesom had strayed from his faith. After his marriage to Captain Tina, he turned back to God. “I got married, and got back to my faith,” he says. “God pulled me out of my old life and led me in his direction.”

## Dual Commitment

Now adherents, Captains Keesom and Tina continued to attend church.

“The more I drew closer to God, the more he started to work in my life,” says Captain Tina. “As the Bible says, God was calling me ‘out of darkness into his won-

derful light’ (1 Peter 2:9).

“I knew that Christianity was not just about religion, but about a relationship with the living God.”

That was when she decided to become a senior soldier.

“I wanted to commit my life to serving him as a member of The Salvation Army.”

Captain Keesom had also decided to become a soldier, to serve God through the Salvation Army church community. “God worked in my heart and the transformation took place in my life.”

Captains Keesom and Tina were enrolled as senior soldiers in 2007.

## Serving God, Winning Souls

Though the couple were happy, they knew there was something more.

“God spoke to me,” says Captain Keesom: “Come and follow me and I will make you a fisher of men.”

“I kept hearing that for a whole week,” he goes on. “*What is this?*” God filled my heart with a passion to win people for Christ.”

Captain Tina was not sure whether Captain Keesom felt called or not, but one day they were both invited to a Design for Life weekend in Guelph, Ont.

After one session, a Salvation Army officer asked Captain Tina if she was interested in officership. She fumbled a response, but the officer visited the couple at their corps shortly after and asked them, “So, when are you ready to go to the College for Officer Training?”

They both immediately responded, “We’d be ready to go next year.”

“It happened so fast,” says Captain Keesom. “But we knew it was the right answer. I was surprised but at the same time I knew it was God’s calling upon our lives and we both felt the call.”

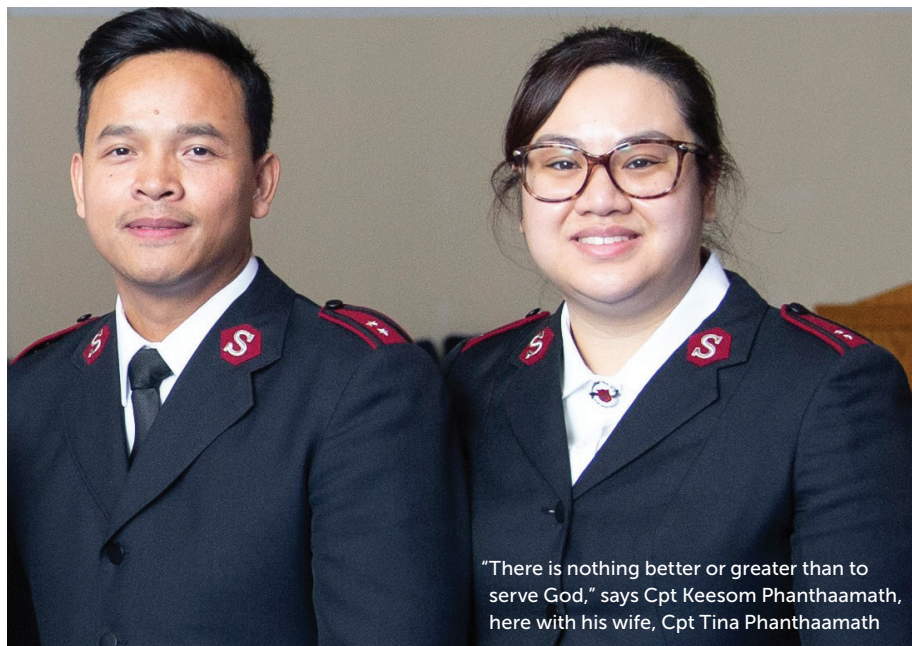
“Life in this world is temporary because our citizenship is in heaven,” says Captain Tina, “so we want to use the time we’ve been given to serve God and to win souls for his kingdom.”

## “There’s Nothing Better!”

The Phanthamaths were commissioned in 2012 and are currently the corps officers at New Heights Community Church.

“Working together in a place you love is a blessing,” says Captain Keesom.

“Officership is a call from God,” concludes Captain Tina, “and I consider it a privilege to do his kingdom work in this world. There’s nothing better!”



“There is nothing better or greater than to serve God,” says Cpt Keesom Phanthamath, here with his wife, Cpt Tina Phanthamath

# Dads Matter

Program helps young fathers build a strong foundation for life.

BY MELISSA YUE WALLACE



Photo: Debbie Wong

Participants in the Dads Matter program at The Salvation Army Bethany Hope Centre in Ottawa hold their certificates of achievement

When Tyreese became a father at 21, a community health nurse told him about The Salvation Army Bethany Hope Centre in Ottawa. After completing a prenatal and nutrition class called “Buns in the Oven,” he began attending Dads Matter, a Tuesday evening program designed especially for young fathers.

“We’re dads from all walks of life and every background who find common ground and learn to trust each other,” says Tyreese, who has attended the program ever since. “We are a family, a tribe. It has been one of the most positive experiences of my life.”

“Each dad’s situation is unique, but what they all share is being a dad and loving their kids,” says Debbie Wong, the centre’s parent support and fathering worker. “They are eager to learn all they can to equip themselves and be the best dad they can be.”

Every week, they meet for a meal and a time of learning on a variety of topics, including child development, positive discipline, healthy attachment and the importance of self-care and healthy relationships.

“Everything we learn and practise is extremely useful, but what keeps me coming back and has helped the most is the atmosphere and having people I know

I can count on and trust,” says Tyreese. “It’s helped me come out of my shell and be a better me.”

The program is one of many at the centre focused on improving the well-being of pregnant and parenting families under the age of 30. It also offers child-care, a health clinic, food bank, educational and housing help, healthy lunches, playgroups, one-on-one support, prenatal and parenting classes, as well as access to clothing and household items.

Though fathers are welcome to join any of the programs offered during the day, having a dad-specific program has provided a spirit of camaraderie and support through the joys and challenges of parenting.

“It’s a chance for them to build connections with other dads, share in their parenting experience and support each other,” says Wong. “We want to remind each dad of the significant role they play in their child’s life.”

During intake, the fathers are also made aware of Major Erin Verhey, the chaplain on site whose “door is always open,” as well as a prayer room for people of any faith to have a quiet space.

“The centre is a fantastic resource for young parents and we’re constantly doing outreach to let people know we’re here and have wonderful services to help people,” says Wong.

Now 25, Tyreese is the father of two children who, despite the busyness of life, tries not to miss a Tuesday night group. “I’ve been attending the program since my first child was born and have been putting the skills we learn in practice,” he says. “I’ve learned that it’s OK to open up with people, to trust people, and my relationship with my children and my partner is loving.”

“Dads Matter has provided a really good foundation for life.”

*Melissa Yue Wallace is a freelance writer living in Richmond Hill, Ont.*



Tyreese practises his baking skills with Debbie Wong

Photo: Tristan Dang



# I've Got a Feeling

Leadership means showing empathy.

BY PAUL CAREW AND CAPTAIN KATHLEEN INGRAM




adapt the material. It wasn't difficult, considering empathy is one of the fundamental principles of emotional and spiritual care. I asked members of my staff to participate in a simulation and asked for their feedback on whether this activity helped them understand the need for empathy as a leadership characteristic.

The following week, I used the empathy toy during the EDS training, and it was well received. It helped the students engage in conversation around empathy, and their understanding of the role empathy plays in emotional and spiritual care became tangible.

Here are several other take-aways:

1. EDS, especially in the field of emotional and spiritual care, requires an extra dose of empathy when interacting with survivors of emergencies and disasters who are experiencing a great deal of stress.
2. EDS requires significant understanding of the role of others. It is helpful if you can empathize with other team members and volunteers.
3. EDS can be chaotic, and sometimes it feels as if you are indeed working blind.
4. EDS requires an incredible amount of teamwork.
5. EDS requires good communication—both giving and receiving instruction and details—while working in high stress environments.

As leaders, we must strive to be empathetic in all situations. Whether we are providing client service or trying to understand a particular problem, to lead effectively we must consider others and their circumstances. It's a key part of being a Salvation Army that presents Christ's message of love and hope for the world. 

*Paul Carew is the leadership development secretary. Captain Kathleen Ingram is the corps officer at Kingston Citadel in Ontario.*

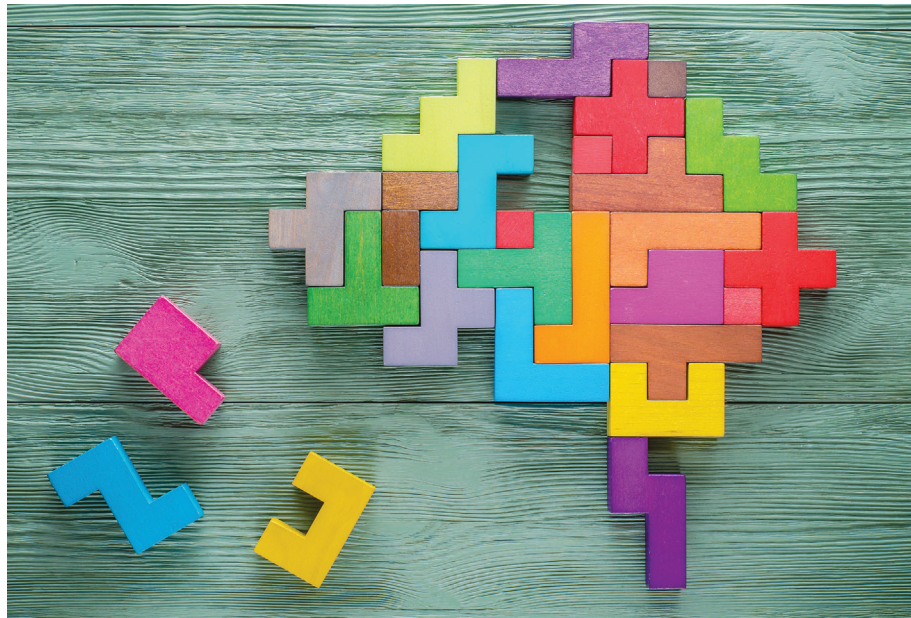


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From time to time, situations occur when being empathetic is the most important characteristic of a leader. The recent COVID-19 outbreak is just such a time. We are all called to be understanding of those we live with, not only in our local community but globally. In this instance, selfish actions will only result in the further spread of a virus that is having global impact. It is difficult to watch some individuals ignore social distancing requirements or buy out stock in our local grocery stores, while vulnerable members of our community are having difficulty acquiring the basic necessities. Where is the empathy in that?

The LEADS Leadership Capability Framework (visit [salvationist.ca/leads](http://salvationist.ca/leads)) addresses "empathy" as a characteristic of leaders under the domain of DEVELOPING COALITIONS. All leaders must demonstrate empathy in working with others and developing purposeful partnerships. The DEVELOPING COALITIONS domain also examines how leaders demonstrate a commitment to clients and service; mobilize knowledge; and navigate socio-political environments. The ability to consider the needs of others has a great impact on the effectiveness of a leader in accomplishing these goals.

We recently shared a LEADS learning

series with a group of Salvation Army leaders in the Ontario Central-East Division. One of the participants, Captain Kathleen Ingram, now corps officer at Kingston Citadel, was intrigued with one of our learning strategies called the "empathy toy." In the following paragraphs, Captain Ingram describes how she was able to use this exercise to direct a group she was preparing to lead the following week.

While participating in the LEADS training sessions recently, we used the empathy toy to help create a cohesive team. Groups of three or four were asked to replicate a previously created wooden puzzle, despite being blindfolded and receiving only verbal assistance. The debriefing that followed was key, as participants were asked to consider not only their role, but the role of others, during the activity. The entire process was then repeated, with another debrief focusing on how participants changed their behaviour given their new learning.

Our group enjoyed the activity and I immediately began thinking about how I could use this tool in the emotional and spiritual care foundations course for emergency disaster services (EDS) training. After arranging to borrow the empathy toy, I created a script to



# Be Your Own Man

Pushing back against toxic masculinity.

BY DARRYN OLDFORD

As Father's Day approaches, I am struck once again by the selection of cards available. They tend to fall into three themes: sports, tools and drinking beer. None of these things apply to me. I enjoy the occasional football or baseball game to be sociable, but you couldn't pay me to watch cars drive in a circle for hours. As a handyman, I can be downright dangerous, having given myself an electric shock on more than one occasion. And, as a senior soldier in The Salvation Army, I don't drink alcohol.

I know the kind of guy these cards are meant for, and many are well-rounded people, but the cards on display are two-dimensional. Not only because they're printed on paper but also in the way they illustrate what it means to be a man.


There is a difference between manhood and toxic masculinity—the societal pressure and obligations imposed on men to conform to certain stereotypes. Toxic masculinity is based on the belief that men and women fall into two completely separate categories; masculinity

and femininity are two boxes that don't overlap. Traditionally, to be masculine is to be stoic, self-sufficient, assertive and aggressive. Women, on the other hand, are supposed to be dainty, emotional, community-minded, demure and peaceful. With these stereotypes come certain expectations.

Men are expected to be big and strong. Men don't cry or show their emotions. If a man doesn't have a job, he is useless. If a man isn't a leader, he is worthless. A man should be glad to fight for himself, his family or his country. These are messages that, either explicitly or implicitly, every boy is taught, and they take root in every man. There seems to be a notion that today's liberal culture is tearing society apart and villainizing traditional values of masculinity. But the opposite is true. The only thing people want to destroy are ideas that harm men and society. We need to combat the thought that men should repress or not talk about their feelings, because it leads to isolation and depression. We need to understand the dignity

and worth of individuals, regardless of where they work or if they are in charge. We need to teach that violence is never an appropriate answer. This doesn't turn men into women—it recognizes the full humanity in each person.

The fact that everyone has masculine and feminine characteristics is not a design flaw, but rather an extension of how we were made in the image of God. God, through Christ, who was fully man and fully God, demonstrated the character we should strive to emulate. He was a man who was not afraid to be strong and loving. He was nurturing, but not afraid to flip over some tables when the situation called for it. He led, not by shouting and screaming, but by sitting and teaching. As he hung on the cross, Christ entrusted his mother to John, forging a connection between the two of them, born from their love for him, to ensure the emotional support they would both need. God the Father even describes himself using feminine imagery throughout the Old Testament. Isaiah 66:13 says, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

I believe that the traditional and rigid rules and roles prescribed by toxic masculinity are not of God and, in fact, come straight from the devil. No man fits perfectly into the box of what it means to be masculine, just as no woman fits perfectly into femininity. And forcing us to try and fit into these moulds requires chipping away at important aspects of ourselves. As well-rounded human beings, we are all meant to have masculine and feminine parts. Being loving and nurturing does not mean acting like a woman—it means acting like God. So if you, like me, don't fit the traditional view of what makes a man, you should celebrate that. And maybe next year there will be a better selection of cards to celebrate everything that makes us human. 

*Darryn Oldford is a senior soldier in Toronto.*



# Apart, Not Alone

What does it mean to be the church in a time of physical distance and isolation?

BY CAPTAIN LAURA VAN SCHAICK

It was a Sunday morning in Lent, and the parking lots of thousands of churches, including hundreds of Salvation Army corps, sat empty. Instead of band warm-ups and worship-team practices, a few solitary individuals set up smartphones and live-streamed their sermons to the faithful gathered in pyjamas in their living rooms. Overnight, the church moved online. “And just like that,” one officer exclaimed in jest, “we were all televangelists!”

As health officials cautioned against large social gatherings in a move to contain the COVID-19 virus and slow down a worldwide pandemic, Sunday worship meetings were cancelled. Ministry leaders are to be applauded for responding so quickly to these developments in creative ways, but despite the options to engage with one another through the wonders of modern technology, the new reality caused many to ask, “What is church? What is community?”

Writing for the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, Drs. David M. Chavis and Kien Lee emphasize that, above all, community is about people. “Community is not a place, a building or an organization,” they write, “nor is it an exchange of information over the Internet. Community is both a feeling and a set of relationships among people. People form and maintain communities to meet common needs.”

Humans are, by nature, social creatures. Anthropologists, sociologists and the like have studied the importance of social interactions between humans and have concluded that our social nature is a defining characteristic of humanity. We are, in fact, hard-wired to connect. Neurobiologists have proven that when we experience social pain—a cruel word or public embarrassment—the feeling is as real as physical pain. Likewise, positive social interaction can be a healing balm.

None of this should come as a surprise to us. God was in the midst of creating the earth when, in Genesis 2:18, he says, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” We

are created to be social; it is God’s plan for us to be in community.

In the same way, church is all about people. It is not a place, a building or an organization, nor is it an exchange of information over the Internet. Church is a set of relationships among people as a result of common attitudes, interests and goals, namely, to love God and to love others as we love ourselves (see Luke 10:27). The early church devoted themselves “to fellowship, and to sharing in meals ... and met together in one place and shared everything they had” (Acts 2:42, 44 *NLT*).

So what happens when we are forced to once again be “alone,” as in the case of social isolation and quarantine?


Simply, and maybe a bit surprisingly, we lean into community even more than usual. Even as we are cautioned to do so from a distance, socialization increases as families come together through FaceTime and Skype, and neighbourhoods support the elderly and immunocompromised. Live music is played from balconies and porches, board games are played on screens and children send messages of hope with rainbow pictures in windows and scrawled on sidewalks with chalk.

And as we cease “going” to church, we focus even more on “being” the church.

United by a desire to support one another, Bible study groups have moved online. Small groups are established to maintain social connections. Prayer chains are formed. Care packages are dropped off on doorsteps, complete with devotional messages, treats and activities for kids. Creative online programs such as photo-scamper hunts are bringing teens and families together. Meals are delivered to those in isolation. Food banks rally to distribute much-needed groceries while maintaining required distancing.

Despite the physical distance between us, we continue to connect. We continue to be a community. We continue to be the church.

Perhaps this time of distancing, when we can’t physically congregate together, reminds us all just how intrinsically connected we are. We need one another in a way that is God-designed. After all, it is not good for us to be alone.

May we never again take for granted the ability to gather together, to share a holy hug, to hold hands as we pray together or to lift our voices in unison in a chorus of praise. And when the dust settles and life returns to whatever new-normal a post-COVID-19 world will look like, when we can all return to attending Sunday morning worship meetings, I hope we remember just how precious our faith communities are. 

*Captain Laura Van Schaick is the women’s ministries program and resource officer.*



## Teddy Bear Hunt in Norway

A Salvation Army corps leader in Egersund, Norway, came up with a “bear”-y fun way to unite communities during the time of social distancing caused by the global coronavirus pandemic: a teddy bear scavenger hunt. Households were encouraged to participate by placing a teddy bear, or two, in their window to allow families to spot them while walking through their neighbourhood. The pandemic had parents balancing working from home while providing full-time childcare to their little ones, which proved to be a challenging feat, Captain Ester Danielsdottir van Gooswilligen explains. “But a teddy bear hunt in the neighbourhood is easy!” The idea took off into surrounding municipalities—and even as far as New Zealand and the United Kingdom—after a local newspaper shared the corps leader’s initiative. “The scavenger hunt has also become competitive,” Captain Danielsdottir van Gooswilligen reports.

“The record—as far as I can tell—is 73 teddy bears in one-and-a-half hours.”

Cpt Ester Danielsdottir van Gooswilligen participates in the scavenger hunt in Norway



Photo: Courtesy of Ingunn Walderhaug, Dalane Tidende

## Australian Brewer Donates Sanitizer to Local Army



Tim Page-Walker brews hand sanitizer for The Salvation Army in Australia

An Army supporter converted his brewing business into a hand-sanitizing production facility to supply free product to the Salvation Army community services during the COVID-19 crisis in Australia. Tim Page-Walker adapted his Bellarine Brewing Company to produce five-litre bottles of sanitizer, using the World Health Organization’s recommended formula. “It couldn’t have come at a better time,” says Captain Peter Hobbs, Bellarine Corps. The Army minimized contact by dropping off essential items to struggling individuals while keeping a safe distance. “Our front-line workers ... were in need of extra protection,” Captain Hobbs says, noting, “I am grateful for his generosity that allowed us to continue to serve people safely.”

## South Korea Repurposes Iconic Red Kettles

During the Christmas season, seldom does one go to a shopping plaza without seeing one of The Salvation Army’s iconic red kettles for collecting donations. The Army in South Korea put the kettles to use in a creative way during the COVID-19 outbreak by using them to collect face masks instead of spare change, to distribute to the most vulnerable in need of protection. Global health-care leader Johnson & Johnson also collaborated with the Army to distribute 20,000 face masks and 4,000 emergency relief kits to vulnerable individuals and medical professionals. Each emergency relief kit included five KF94 masks, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer and a variety of personal hygiene products such as hand cream, mouthwash and body wash from the company’s own repertoire of brands.



The Salvation Army in Korea distributed 20,000 face masks and 4,000 emergency relief kits

## Army Helps Exploited Women in Bangladesh

The Salvation Army centre in Dhaka, Bangladesh, is the only organization with access to the capital’s brothel areas. The Army works with women who are exploited to help them gain alternative employment. With the brothels shut down because of coronavirus, the women had no income, making them even more vulnerable. The Army provided them with an initial two-week supply of groceries and ongoing support during the crisis. In other local communities, 10,000 bottles of hand sanitizer and 2,500 hygiene packs were distributed to vulnerable individuals.

Handwashing facilities were also installed as a preventative measure to mitigate the spread of the virus.



Salvation Army personnel prepare groceries for exploited women in Bangladesh



# Sight Unseen

The invisible infrastructure of caregivers in our health-care system.

BY MAJOR GLENDA DAVIS

Andrea gets up at 5 a.m. every morning to help her father get ready for his day before she heads to work. Her sleep is often interrupted at night, as her father has been known to wander and sometimes fall. He is six feet tall and weighs more than 180 pounds. Lifting him is a challenge for Andrea and her mother, who is 82 years old and of slight build. Her father, who has Alzheimer's and cancer, is on a waiting list for a long-term care bed. After finishing a full day at work, Andrea goes home to continue caring for her father, who has spent the day at a day-program or at home with his wife. They have access to some home care, but it is costly, and the time is limited.

Andrea is not alone in her experience as a caregiver. Medical innovation and discovery have resulted in longer lifespans. As a result, families are taking on the role of caregivers. More than eight million Canadians care for a loved one at home who has a debilitating physical or cognitive condition. Of these caregivers, 6.1 million are employed, balancing their caregiving responsibilities with work and personal life, often including the care of

children as well. It has been called the sandwich generation, or the panini generation, because of the immense pressure placed on people.

Canada has experienced a huge demographic shift. In Ontario alone, more than 36,000 people are waiting to move into long-term care homes. Unless more spaces are created, this number will continue to rise as baby boomers age. It is estimated that by 2035, there will be a need for 199,000 more beds across Canada.


There are more than 10,000 centenarians in Canada, and this number is expected to climb to 78,300—the size of Victoria—by 2061. By 2026, a quarter of the Canadian population will be over 65 years old. As the number of baby boomers increase, so will our needs. Extended lifetimes also mean an increase in the need for medical care as we age.

Family caregivers play a significant role in society as the invisible infrastructure of our health-care system. They fill many gaps and are often hidden health-care providers, sacrificing their own well-being, social lives and financial means to ensure their loved ones' needs

are met. Some take a leave of absence from work, turn down job opportunities or leave their employment to care for their loved ones. Every year, there are 18 million lost workdays, and \$1.3 billion dollars in lost productivity. Some two-income families manage on one income so that one person can stay home as a caregiver. Their actions, whether by choice or necessity, are motivated by love and honour for their family member.

But who cares for the caregivers? This is an important role for the church to fill. Caregivers shouldn't be on this journey alone. They need a support system around them to help them cope. They need respite from caregiving, reassurance, a listening ear, understanding, kindness, practical assistance and our prayers. The church can do that. We can care for the caregivers.

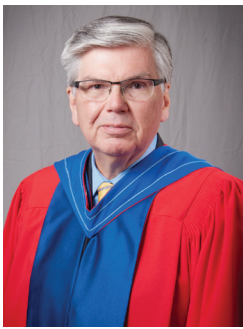
The Bible says much about caring for others. In the parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10, we are reminded of the importance of being a good neighbour, especially to those who have fallen on tough times and need support. When Jesus asked, "Which of these three (the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan) do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:36-37). The words of Jesus are important for us to hear today—"Go and do likewise."

We seldom know all that is going on in someone's life. As we interact with people at work, church or in our neighbourhoods, we see only a fraction of their story. They may be carrying an extra-heavy load. Let's be good neighbours, people who listen and extend mercy and grace. It has been said, "It takes a village to raise a child." This concept can be extended to other stages of life as well. It takes a village to care for each other throughout a lifetime. 

*Major Glenda Davis is the social services secretary for the Canada and Bermuda Territory.*



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## Booth University College Announces New Interim President

**D**r. Donald Burke has been appointed as the interim president of The Salvation Army's Booth University College in Winnipeg, effective June 10, 2020. Dr. Burke succeeds Dr. Marjory Kerr who has served as president since 2016. He also held the position of Booth University College president from 2006 to 2016 and has taught at the institution since it opened in 1982.

Commissioner Floyd Tidd, territorial commander and chancellor of Booth University College, says, "We are grateful to Dr. Burke for stepping into this role again. His experience and leadership will be invaluable as we encourage students to achieve academic excellence and empower them to bring hope, social justice and faith into the world. We also express our gratitude to Dr. Marjory Kerr for her excellent leadership over the past four years."

Dr. Burke is currently professor of biblical studies at Booth University College and has served in several administrative roles including vice-president and academic dean (2000-2006). During Dr. Burke's first tenure as president, Booth transformed into a Christian university college, expanding its programs and growing its enrolment. In 2016, he returned to a full-time teaching role.

"In these challenging times for post-secondary education and society-at-large, Booth University College will continue to offer 'Education for a Better World' in new and exciting ways," Dr. Burke notes. "This interim period, as the board searches for the next president, will require us to be thoughtful, innovative and faithful to the mission of the institution. In these ways we plan to advance the missions of both Booth University College and The Salvation Army."

Established in 1982, Booth University College is rooted in The Salvation Army's Wesleyan theological tradition and brings together Christian faith, rigorous scholarship and a passion for service. Its programs of study include behavioural sciences, business administration, English and film studies, psychology, religion and social work.

Dr. Burke is a graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University (BA) and the University of St. Michael's College (MA, PhD) in Toronto. His major field of study was sacred Scripture with an emphasis on the Old Testament, however, his interests extend to a broad range of topics in theology and Christian history, including the Wesleyan heritage of The Salvation Army.

A lifelong Salvationist, Dr. Burke came to Christian faith at Brantford Citadel, Ont. His passion is to help students appreciate the richness of the Scriptures and the ways in which they can guide Christians in today's complex world. He is a regular contributor to Salvation Army publications and provided the commentaries on Joel and Amos in the recently published *Wesley One Volume Commentary on the Bible* (Abingdon Press).



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Two junior soldiers are enrolled at St. John's West Corps. Proudly displaying their certificates are, from left, Emilee Chaytor and Jocelyn George. Supporting them are, from left, CSM Sylvia Tulk; Mjr Phyllis Blundell-Colbourne, CO; Jennifer George, acting JSS and Jocelyn's mother; Mjr Reid Colbourne, CO; and Lloyd Jones, holding the flag.

## GAZETTE

### INTERNATIONAL

**Appointments:** Jul 1—Comrs Kenneth/Jolene Hodder, NC/NPWM, U.S.A. NHQ; Cols Henrik/Lisbeth Andersen, TC/TPWM, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Tty, with rank of comr; Cols Douglas/Colleen Riley, TC/TPWM, U.S.A. Western Tty, with rank of comr; Cols Knud/Lisbeth Weland, TC/TPWM, Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Tty, with rank of comr; Lt-Col Donna Evans, CS, The Netherlands, Czech Republic and Slovakia Tty, with rank of col; Lt-Col Stuart Evans, appointment to be determined, The Netherlands, Czech Republic and Slovakia Tty, with rank of col; Lt-Cols Kelly/Donna Igleheart, CS/TSWM, U.S.A. Western Tty, with rank of col; Lt-Cols Kelvin/Cheralynne Pethybridge, TC/TPWM, Eastern Europe Tty, with rank of col; Lt-Cols Samuel/Theresa Baah, CS/TSWM, Malawi Tty; Lt-Cols Jabulani/Fikile Khoza, CS/TSWM, Southern Africa Tty; Mjrs Richard/Ann Borrett, CS/TSWM, Eastern Europe Tty, with rank of lt-col; Mjrs Wilson/Nara Strasse, CS/TSWM, Brazil Tty, with rank of lt-col; Mjrs Dieudonné/Edith Louzolo, GS/CSWM, Liberia and Sierra Leone Cmd; Mjrs Emmanuel/Dancille Ndagijimana, GS/CSWM, Rwanda and Burundi Cmd; Mjrs Jean/Ariane Olekhnovitch, GS/CSWM, Italy and Greece Cmd

### TERRITORIAL

**Marriage:** Lt Joseph Cantrell to Lt Kaitlin Adam, Apr 1

**Birth:** Lts Chad/Lisa Cole, son, Connor Ross, Apr 28

**Appointments:** Apr 1—Mjr Rachele Lamont, territorial co-ordinator for anti-human trafficking, social services department, THQ; Apr 3—Lt Joseph Cantrell, chaplain, Waterloo CJS (New Directions), Ont. GL Div; Mjr Stephen Daley, chaplain, Brantford Booth Centre, Ont. GL Div\*; May 1—Mjr Bruce Mac Kenzie, executive director, Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre, Winnipeg\* (\*additional responsibility)

**Promoted to glory:** Cpt Viola Droumbolis, Mar 30; Mjr Georgie Thorne, Apr 2; Mjr Hedley Ivany, Apr 3; Mjr Thomas Tuppenney, Apr 17; Mjr Emily Clarke, Apr 19; Mjr Joan Pierce, Apr 26; Mjr Carl Bowes, May 2; Mjr Ann Murray, May 2

### CALENDAR

**Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd:** Jun 18 covenant day for Messengers of the Kingdom Session (virtual); Jun 20 commissioning (virtual)

**Colonels Edward and Shelley Hill:** Jun 18 covenant day for Messengers of the Kingdom Session (virtual); Jun 20 commissioning (virtual)





GANDER, N.L.—Supported by their leaders and fellow junior soldiers, four young people are enrolled as junior soldiers at Gander Corps. Front, from left, Luke Loveless, Claire Rideout, Skylar Collins and Ryder Loveless, newly enrolled junior soldiers; and Jayden Waterman. Back, from left, Cpts Sheldon and Ashley Bungay, DYs, N.L. Div; PJ Reid; Amelia Rideout; Mjrs Darlene and Rex Colbourne, COs; and Rod Lane, holding the flag.



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Leanna Warford is enrolled as an adherent at St. John's West Corps. From left, CSM Sylvia Tulk; Mjr Phyllis Blundell-Colbourne, CO; Leanna Warford; Mjr Reid Colbourne, CO; and Lloyd Jones, holding the flag.



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CLARENVILLE, N.L.—When Gracie Marsh, a junior soldier at Clarenville Corps, recently celebrated her birthday, she asked her friends to give her money instead of gifts to raise funds for Partners in Mission. Mjrs Bill and Velma Preston, COs, are shown with Marsh as she proudly presents \$157 to support the international work of The Salvation Army.



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# Make Me an Instrument

From camp nurse to senior soldier to the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BY PEACE LIN

**I**f you have been to a Sunday worship service at The Salvation Army's North York Temple in Toronto, or watched our livestream on Facebook, you would have seen me hopping between the timpani and glockenspiel, and sometimes dancing while I play the bass drum. I didn't grow up in the Army and would never have imagined this would be a passion for me.

**I grew up in a Methodist church in Taiwan,** but when my family decided to move to Toronto in 2009, we settled at a Pentecostal church near our home. I didn't know anything about The Salvation Army until I was looking for a summer job related to nursing, which I was studying in school. I ended up working as the camp nurse at Newport Adventure Camp near Huntsville, Ont., part of the Army's Ontario Camping Ministries, for three summers. I thought it was a chance to try something new. Little did I know that the Lord was about to take me on a life-changing journey.

**It was incredible to participate in his** amazing work in the lives of children who attended the camp, but he was also stirring my heart and solidifying my faith at the same time. Not many things can top the experience of sharing my testimony as

an immigrant kid with a bunch of Tibetan teenagers under the breathtaking sunset of Skeleton Lake.

Another special memory was a dedication campfire night, when the campers burst into singing *Cornerstone* by Hillsong Worship. After they finished, we asked if they wanted to make the decision to follow Jesus.

**At the end of my third summer, I was** invited by a couple of my camp staff friends to attend Territorial Music School (TMS) at the Army's camp in Jackson's Point, Ont. I didn't know much about Salvation Army music-making at the time. I brought my violin and joined the worship stream.

On the Sunday night, the Canadian Staff Songsters presented an evening of music. They concluded the program by surrounding us and singing *I Love You, Lord*. My face covered with tears of joy, I praised the Lord and Hebrews 12:1 came to mind: "We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses."

**After many conversations with leaders,** officers and friends at TMS, I knew that I needed to be part of a Salvation Army corps. I want to use the talents and abilities God has given me to serve others.


I am now a soldier at North York

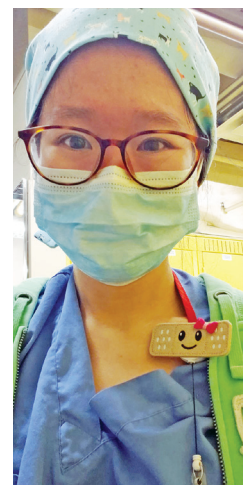
Peace Lin (centre) was the camp nurse at Newport Adventure Camp, part of the Army's Ontario Camping Ministries, for three summers

Temple. I sing in the songsters, play in the band and sometimes teach violin, piano and theory in the school of music. It's humbling to look back and see how God led me to the Army and transformed my life in such an unexpected way.

**As a registered nurse, I am on the front** line of the coronavirus pandemic. Being a nurse is more than just a job—it's a calling, a ministry. As a Christian, I represent Jesus at work. It's humbling to know that God has put me in the position to take care of people and be part of their healing process. When I think about how Jesus was a servant, how he washed the disciples' feet—that's the kind of attitude I want to have every day.

Since the pandemic started, things have been more intense. It feels endless and like we don't have any control. But I've had several opportunities to talk to my co-workers about why I'm not scared—because I know who is in ultimate control. Even if I go into a patient's room who could have COVID-19, I know God is with me, that he's in charge. As Christians, we have faith in things we don't yet see (see Hebrews 11:1), and that gives me hope.

I pray that I continue to serve God with all that I am, and that I can be an instrument that motivates more people to be witnesses for him. 



You can listen to a conversation between Major Terence Hale, territorial youth secretary, and Peace Lin on the CANBDA Youth Collective Podcast on Google or Apple.





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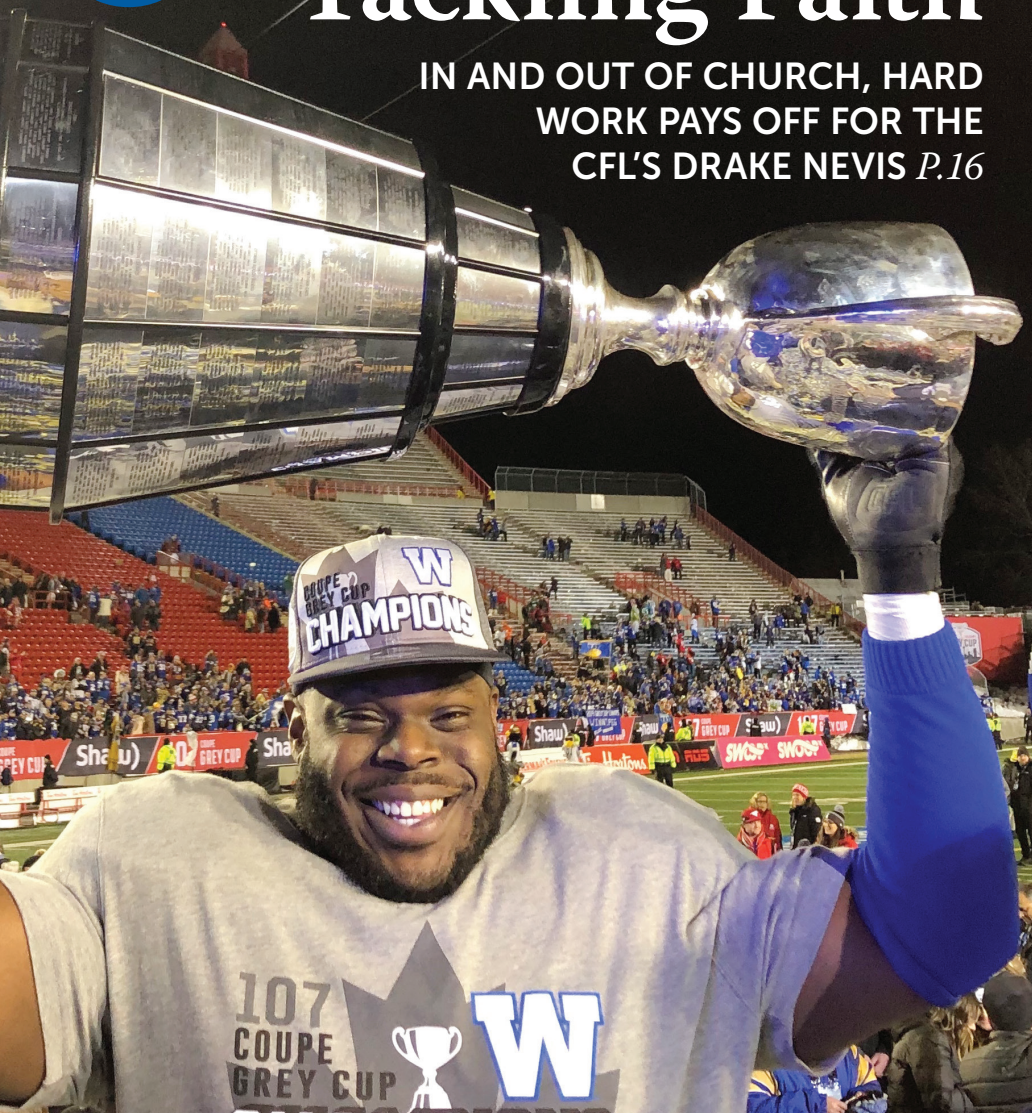
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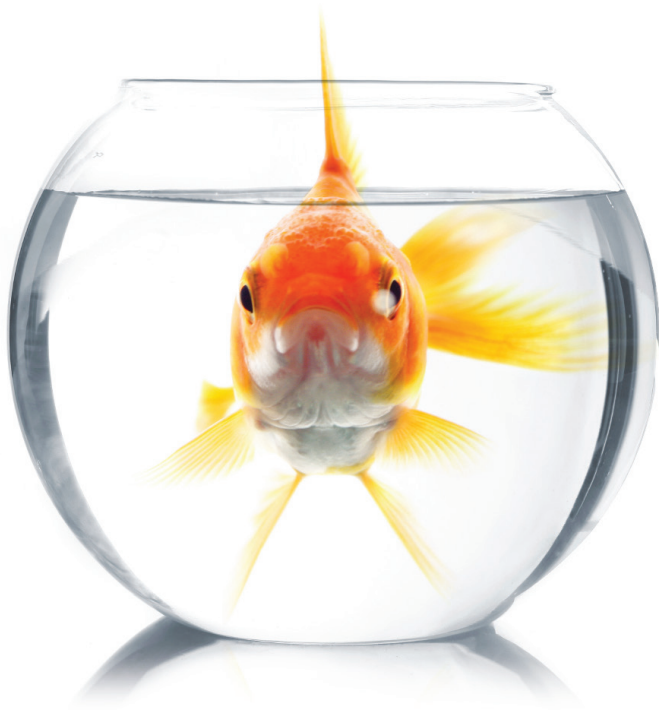
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If you're like this little fellow, you're in your comfort zone. Relatively well off, safe and content. The fishbowl's clean, the water's fine and life's good. But you don't have to peek too far over the rim of your fishbowl to see that many people out there are hurting, and some of them might even be as close as your very own neighbourhood.

We can't change the world, but like the Good Samaritan who assisted an injured traveller (see Luke 10:25-37), we can do things to make our little part of it better. Volunteer to bring meals to shut-ins, mentor school kids, and commit random acts of kindness. You'll be helping others, and you'll gain a new outlook on life.

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“In the case of the CFL’s Drake Nevis, defensive tackle for the Toronto Argonauts,” reports Jayne, “our interview was conducted right after yoga class, and it was a little difficult to picture such a big guy doing yoga stretches!”

“Yoga definitely helps with pliability and recovery,” he told Jayne. “It relaxes your mind when you have to sit still for an hour, and all that helps my game. Most people are always on the go and don’t learn to keep their mind still.”

In this time of COVID-19, Drake’s words are especially relevant. During all the craziness that takes place on a daily if not hourly basis, we need to keep our minds still and relaxed. I do it by reading daily devotionals as well as my Bible. If neither are handy, I pray that the articles in this issue, some dealing with the pandemic, will bring you some peace.

Just as we put the May issue to bed, it was decided that *Faith & Friends* would go online for the next few months until such time as our churches and thrift stores reopen again. You can access the full digital version of *Faith & Friends* at [Issuu.com/salvationist](http://Issuu.com/salvationist). 



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# "Fear Not"

I was terrified of an upcoming medical procedure, until a message from above settled my nerves.

by Everett Griffin

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## Before the Storm

Everett Griffin, mug of coffee in hand, with his Bible

I usually think of myself as someone who can deal with whatever life throws at me.

"Just take it as it comes," I often tell my wife, Joyce, who tends to stew over problems for a while before she gives them to the Lord.

That's why I couldn't understand

the fear that gripped me that morning, sending me into a panic unlike anything I'd experienced before.

## Piece of Cake

There was good reason to be apprehensive. Later that day, I was to have my first radiation treatment



**"I Will Help You"**  
Griffin undergoing  
a radiation  
treatment

for a squamous cell carcinoma on my scalp. Cancer, a word nobody wants to hear. This one was an ugly looking thing about the size of a quarter and growing rapidly.

The oncologist had given me two choices—surgery or radiation. I chose radiation.

I expected to breeze through this cancer episode without any fear at all.

I wasn't especially troubled after hearing I'd need 22 treatments—one every weekday until the course was finished. And I was calm during the three weeks it took to set up my appointments.

*Piece of cake. I can do this,* I thought. And that's how I felt right up until that morning.

### Morning Fear

I had always been a laid-back guy, and I became even more so in my

mid 40s when I became a Christian.

I'll never forget how clean and peaceful I felt. No bells, no whistles, just peace. I knew I had been saved. And from that point on, I had absolutely no fear because I knew God was real in my life.

But the morning of my first treatment, my mind became strangely full of worrisome questions: *What if the treatments don't work? What if the cancer spreads? What if the radiation damages my brain while it's killing off nearby cancer cells?*

Fear flooded my thoughts as I sat at the kitchen table with my morning mug of coffee. I asked God to calm my nerves, but I was still afraid.

### At Peace

Not knowing what else to do, I continued my regular routine, grabbing my Bible and daily



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devotional book.

When I opened the Bible, I noticed that its ribbon marker was at the back of the book—and I didn't recall moving it. Curiosity won out, so I opened to the page the ribbon was marking, which was Isaiah 41.

I could hardly believe what I saw. At the very top of the page, in large bold italics, were the words: "Do not fear; I will help you."

That got my attention. I started reading the chapter, until I reached the 13th verse of Isaiah 41, which contained the words at the top of the page: "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'"

Peace suddenly wrapped itself around me like a thick blanket. Every bit of fear I'd felt disappeared, and I knew without a doubt that God would be with me throughout the coming ordeal.

### Message From God

As the treatment began, I mentally recited Psalm 23 from memory, something I was in the habit of doing in stressful situations—such as in the dentist chair or when

undergoing an uncomfortable medical test. I was amazed at how relaxed I felt. The treatment was over before I knew it.

When I got home, I immediately printed out the Bible verse and started to carry it around with me from that day forward.

During the course of my treatments, I often shared the verse with others who were waiting to be called in for their own appointments. Believe me, if you are ever going to come in contact with nervous and fearful people, you'll find them in the waiting room of a cancer-treatment centre.

I would wait until the Lord seemed to direct me to someone to talk to. Sometimes, a person sitting near me would open a conversation that led to sharing my little card and its big message. Other times, I was able to share my story with staff.

The radiation treatments are finished now and the oncologist is thrilled with my progress. So am I, but my joy is twofold—because my cancer is gone and because my faith has zoomed to new heights.

And all thanks to a message straight from God. *if*

# "It's the Salvation Army Way"

For Dave, a humble moment turned into a hopeful one.

by Angela Rafuse

Dave and his wife, Donna, have been longtime volunteers with The Salvation Army. But when Dave offered to hang a sign in downtown Halifax, he didn't realize the words of a woman experiencing homelessness would give him a new-found appreciation for the blessings in his life.

## "I'll Be All Right"

"As I was hanging a sign outside an Army building to let clients affected by COVID-19 know who they could contact, I noticed her on the sidewalk settling into a homemade shelter of blankets and boxes," says Dave. "She was in her mid 50s, and you could tell her whole life was on that concrete. It broke my heart to see."

After the sign was secure, he went back to his car where Donna was waiting. They found a bag of cookies and a few dollars in change. "I went across the street and handed it to her, and she said, 'No, thank you, I'm fine.' But I insisted she take it."



## A Soul in Need

When Dave saw the woman in her home-made shelter of boxes and blankets, he knew The Salvation Army could help her

Dave and Donna knew there was more The Salvation Army could do to help her, so they called the Centre of Hope, which was assisting with the opening of pop-up shelters in downtown Halifax to ensure proper distancing in current shelters.

"The centre was so busy right then, but the girl who answered the phone still wanted to help. She put together a bag with a sandwich, water and fruit," explains Donna. "We drove over immediately to



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## **“The Salvation Army is always going to be there for anyone in need.”** DAVE

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pick it up.”

As they handed the woman the meal, they told her they wished there was more they could do. She smiled and said the simple phrase, “I’ll be all right.”

### **Escalating Need**

Her words brought hope and a new perspective to the couple. Like many Canadians, they have found themselves consumed with how COVID-19 has disrupted their day-to-day lives. But after hearing these words, they were grateful for the roof over their heads and knowing their loved ones were safe at home.

“In a time when we are all finding something to complain about, here was this woman experiencing

homelessness in the midst of the pandemic and she was smiling and comforting us with her words,” says Donna. “Our problems are so small compared to others.”

“We have been impacted financially and experienced job loss like so many have, and we’ve gotten caught up in that and the loss of our normal lives,” says Dave. “But moments like these are so humbling. It reminds us of the bigger picture and what’s important—and that’s helping others.”

The Salvation Army continues to offer essential services across Canada and Bermuda with the help of dedicated staff and volunteers such as Dave and Donna.

“This is such a powerful reminder of how important it is to help people in need during this time,” says Donna. “The needs are there, and they’ve escalated because of the crisis.”

“If you’re capable, you should help in any way you can,” says Dave. “The Army is always going to be there for anyone in need. It’s the Salvation Army way.” *if*



*(left)*

Angela Rafuse is the communications specialist at The Salvation Army Maritime Division in Halifax.



A Salvation Army volunteer in Oshawa, Ont., hands out bags of food to families in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic

## Continuing to Serve

Across Canada and Bermuda, The Salvation Army stands by to bring help and hope.

by Linda Leigh

**T**his spring, COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) developed quickly and The Salvation Army, while protecting the 1.6 million people it serves each year as well as its pastors, employees and volunteers, continues to stand by its communities to bring help and hope.

### Navigating Trying Times

"The spread of the virus will have a long-term impact on people's well-being," says Commissioner Floyd J. Tidd, territorial commander of The Salvation Army. "We're grateful to our front-line workers who enable us to provide our essential services



and further support Canada's most vulnerable."

As a national charitable organization that employs more than 10,000 people in over 400 communities across the country, The Salvation Army is Canada's largest non-governmental provider of social services. Like many other charities, The Salvation Army has taken unprecedented measures to limit exposure to the coronavirus.

"We're keeping a close watch on this fluid situation," says Lt-Colonel John P. Murray, spokesperson for The Salvation Army. "Decisions may need to change as circumstances and health directives evolve. As we

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**"Coming to a new country, I'm grateful for people who want to help."**

AZHAD, FOOD-BANK CLIENT

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navigate these challenging times, we're guided by our mission, our values and evidence-based information published by local health authorities and the Public Health Agency of Canada."



An employee welcomes a neighbour in need to a Salvation Army shelter in Hamilton, Ont.

- In The Salvation Army's more than 180 community and family services offices, social distancing measures are in place. Feeding programs and food banks are altering the way they serve. From

continue to support crisis needs of our community and family services operations.

- In emergency shelters and transitional housing settings, meals are brought to rooms.
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## "This food may have just saved my life."

MICHAEL, FOOD-BANK CLIENT

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soup kitchens that operate as take-out only to mobile feeding units handing out bags of food, the Army is ensuring that no one goes hungry.

- All thrift stores and donor welcome centres across Canada are closed to the public. While the Army is temporarily unable to accept material donations, donors are asked to set them aside until thrift stores can safely reopen. The need for affordable clothing and household items will be very high in the days ahead. Meanwhile, thrift stores will

Staff are provided with personal protective equipment (PPE), which is disposed of after each visit.

"We're committed to providing much-needed support to the most vulnerable people in our communities and the growing number of Canadians affected by COVID-19," Commissioner Tidd says. *ff*

*For more information about The Salvation Army, or to donate in support of the COVID-19 response, please visit [salvationarmy.ca](https://salvationarmy.ca)*



*(left)*

Linda Leigh is manager of communications at The Salvation Army's territorial headquarters in Toronto.



# Love Across the Globe



**Across the Kilometres**  
Jeanette Levellie kept her new friend, Ayeshi, in mind through a sticky note on her computer monitor

**DURING THE WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC, GOD SHOWED ME HIS LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES.**

*by Jeanette Levellie*

**W**hat good can possibly come from this horror? I thought.

In the midst of the coronavirus isolation, I fretted over the many shuttered companies and the people who had lost their jobs, churches that couldn't meet for worship; even a cancelled concert I'd looked forward to caused distress.

In spite of my worries for the

world, I needed to resolve a personal crisis of the technical kind. I called my email provider's hotline for help. A female voice answered in a lovely foreign accent. As I always do in conversations with customer-service people, I asked the woman's name. It was Ayeshi.

"How beautiful," I said, hoping my compliment would brighten this person's day.



It took Ayeshi some time to fix my issue. Throughout the process, she was patient and kind. “I bet you get tired of answering the same questions day after day,” I remarked. I could only imagine sitting in a cubicle, troubleshooting for technically challenged people like myself, who don’t know a gigabyte from a URL. Perhaps it would be similar to an English professor teaching the ABCs. All. Day. Long.

“Well, some of these things are hard to understand,” Ayeshi said in her lilting, calm voice. I pictured her to be around 25, working at a difficult job to help her family pay their bills. Would I be willing to solve people’s Internet problems from across the world?

### Overcoming Barriers

“God joined two very different people to give each other a bright ray of hope and grace,” says Jeanette

### Holy Nudge

When I could sense the conversation was nearing an end, I asked Ayeshi, “How is your family? Have you experienced many cases of the virus in your city?” She told me they lived in a town in India, where the pandemic had not hit hard, but they could only leave their house for necessities or work. Her biggest challenge was her preschool daughter.

“She loves nature,” Ayeshi said. “I’ve tried to explain to her why we need to stay in, but she’s the naughty one—she keeps slipping out when our backs are turned.” I found her description humorous, but I held in my laughter. I knew exactly how the wee one felt. I understood why our leaders had asked us to “shelter at home” for everyone’s safety. But being confined to our house for an indeterminate time period made me want to cry. If I felt cramped, I imagined a three-year-old would be bouncing off the walls.

I told Ayeshi about our own family—our grandkids doing schoolwork from home, my mom’s senior apartment complex having to lock down—and then I felt a holy nudge in my heart to ask, “Do you



## We can conquer any crisis if we only reach out in love to our neighbours, whether next door or across the globe. JEANETTE LEVELLIE

mind if I pray for your family?”

### Sweet Lessons

My new friend was quick to reply. “Oh, that would mean so much to me, Jeanette. And I will pray for your family, too.” While she talked, I grabbed a bright orange sticky note and wrote her name on it. I stuck it to the bottom of my computer monitor where I’d see it often, and then told Ayeshi what I’d done. She thanked me several times and said that I’d made her day. Joy warmed my heart like a burst of sunshine breaking through grey clouds.

I thought of the promise in Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” While millions panicked and predicted dark days ahead, God connected two women from across

the world to give what each needed most—His help. While I’d fretted and wondered how good could result from this tragedy, the Lord already had a million plans in His heart.

In a moment of divine love that reached over every barrier—language, culture and geography—He joined two very different people to give each other a bright ray of hope and grace. Only God could take something as horrible as a pandemic and make our world suddenly smaller, filling us with empathy for those we’ve never met.

In the future, when all is well, I want to keep these sweet lessons etched in my heart. We need each other. We can conquer any crisis if we only reach out in love to our neighbours, whether next door or across the globe. God can—and will—bring good from everything that happens. Because He is good. *if*



*(left)* Author of five books and hundreds of published articles, Jeanette Levellie and her husband make their home in Paris, Illinois. Jeanette’s hobbies include spoiling her three grandchildren, pampering her cats and inventing new ways to avoid housework. Find her splashes of hope and humour at [www.jeanettelevellie.com](http://www.jeanettelevellie.com).

# Tackling Faith

**IN AND OUT OF CHURCH,  
HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR  
DRAKE NEVIS OF THE  
TORONTO ARGONAUTS.**

*by* Jayne Thurber-Smith

## **THE LAST WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 2019**

was a good weekend to be Drake Nevis, then defensive tackle for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. After the Athletes in Action Grey Cup breakfast that Saturday, he proudly held his Gord Barwell Award with his wife, Reese, beaming beside him, and the following night he was triumphantly holding the Grey Cup.

Reese's Instagram account was full of videos and pictures of the big weekend, along with the following note to her husband: "The Gord Barwell Award has been presented for the past 20 years to a CFL player who exhibits exemplary faith, character and leadership, on and off the field. I'm proud to announce this year's recipient is none other than my best friend, partner in ministry, my greatest gift and husband. The hard work you put in shows up everywhere you go."







**Game On**  
"Football is my  
platform to share the  
love of Christ," says  
Drake Nevis

Photo: Courtesy Toronto Argonauts.

## “Football is my platform to share the love of Christ.”

DRAKE NEVIS

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### Practise and Experience

The 30-year-old was due for some celebrating. After becoming a pro football player in 2011, Drake moved to five different NFL towns, searching for the right fit with the right team. In 2015, he switched to the CFL and was on the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' roster for two years before landing in Winnipeg. This past November, he helped the Blue Bombers win their first Grey Cup in 29 years, beating his former team 33-12.

“I just stayed focused, knowing that God has a plan no matter where He has you going,” Drake says of his journey. “He may want you to impact a certain group of people or just one person. No matter where you are located along the journey, your job is to let your light shine for Him.”

Despite the extra player and larger field in the CFL as opposed to the NFL, Drake was able to successfully make the necessary adjustments to his play style.

“I wanted to learn all I could about the game when I got here,” he explains. “You need to make sure you learn fast because the play clock

is a lot different, too. The first task is knowing the team playbook, then watching film and learning from the other guys on the field. Practise and experience definitely help.”

### Pushing the Limits

Drake attributed his team's successful season to the unselfishness of its players.

“Football is like family,” he says. “Whatever differences you have, you put them aside because the guy next to you depends on you every day. There were a lot of guys here wanting to help get the job done together. You want the team to be successful, so you do whatever you have to for that to happen. Last season was a blessing.”

Also contributing to the Blue Bombers' championship was the best run defence in the league. One of Drake's many Twitter fans posted: “Nevis is a beast in the heart of the D line.”

“I didn't want to think that it was my ninth year playing so it was OK to go ahead and coast,” he comments. “I wanted to keep pushing the limits! Whatever I've done in the





Photo: Courtesy of Reese Nevis

past, I can improve on it, be relentless in my approach to the game, help my team be successful and give God glory.”

### No Waste of Time

Drake grew up going to church in a small town in Louisiana, and faith is at the centre of his personal and professional life.

“As a teenager, I made the choice to go beyond just going to church and made it personal,” he says. “I

**Two Caring Souls** Drake and Reese were regular volunteers at a downtown Winnipeg ministry to the homeless

faced temptations to turn away and go a different route, but my church home taught me well. Church alone doesn’t accomplish what you need to accomplish. It’s all about your life outside of the hours in church: doing what the Word says and acting out what you believe.”

When Drake’s away from his home

### Field of Dreams

"No matter where you are located along the journey, your job is to let your light shine for Him," says Drake



Photo: Courtesy of Reese Nevis

church, he gains spiritual strength from chapel. Last September, he and Reese supported team chaplain Lorne Korol by attending his annual fundraiser, Pro Sports and Faith Night. The Nevises were regular volunteers at a downtown Winnipeg ministry to the homeless. On the Tuesday evening after the Grey Cup win, at the end of the Blue Bombers' hometown celebration, Drake and Reese dropped into the shelter with trays of food from the party.

"Football is my platform to share the love of Christ," he says. "We enjoyed our time there and being a part of a great city. It's important to pay attention to the people around you, and also to the opportunities to learn and grow in God's Word. Sometimes we don't realize its

importance and get distracted, but no time spent in the Word is a waste of time."

### Learning and Growing

Upon entering free agency, this past February, Drake signed with the Toronto Argonauts, and another chapter in his playing life began. As he has throughout his life, Drake looks upon this move as a challenge to himself to be better.

"I try to learn and grow every day," Drake says. "What really makes a difference in life is proper discernment. You always have a bad voice and a good voice in your ear. It's important to know that the bad voice will kill, steal and destroy, but the good voice leads you to the right way." *ff*



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# From *Heartache* to Hope

**WHEN WE LOST OUR CHILD DUE TO A PREMATURE BIRTH, I CHOSE TO TRUST GOD—EVEN AMID THE ANGER AND GRIEF.**

*by* Joshua Bailey

**A**fter a long day of hard work around the house on a sunny afternoon in May 2017, I was preparing supper for my family and in-laws. My wife, Kristen, had spent the day lying low, pregnant with our second daughter.

Our first daughter, Ruth, was born prematurely at 32 weeks, which caused a lot of excitement in our small-town hospital in Listowel, Ont., but after a few weeks, a thriving Ruth came home. Because of this experience, we were more aware

of everything going on with the second pregnancy. So while I was preparing the steaks and Kristen said, “Something just isn’t feeling right,” we decided it would be best to get it checked out.

At the hospital, it was obvious by the look on our doctor’s face that the pregnancy was deteriorating. Kristen was only 24 weeks pregnant, and our hospital was not equipped

seen equipment like this. She was on a ventilator, with various IVs and multiple medications.

Unfortunately, after only two days, Emily died. The exact cause of her death is still unknown. We do know she suffered a massive bleed in her brain. You could see the bruise from it on her head. Those moments of watching while the doctors worked to revive her tiny body will

## At the hospital, it was obvious by the look on our doctor’s face that the pregnancy was deteriorating. JOSHUA BAILEY

to handle a birth at that gestation. Dr. Matthews is very soft-spoken, so it was disconcerting to sense the urgency in her gentle voice telling us they needed to transfer Kristen immediately to a hospital better equipped to handle this emergency.

Late that night, Kristen was airlifted by helicopter to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, a 28-minute flight, and I set out on the two-hour drive.

### Dark Journey

Seven minutes after the landing, our daughter, Emily, was born. She was so tiny, weighing a little over a pound. I’d spent weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) with Ruthie but had never

stay with me forever. I’ll never forget how the doctor came to us while his team was still working on Emily. As he approached, he took off his scrub cap to let us know that they weren’t going to get her back.

In that moment, there was nothing else. It felt as if Kristen and I were alone, floating in a surreal expanse of numb grief. Our world was suddenly dark.

I felt abandoned, helpless. Most of all, I felt unable to walk the road that had been laid before me.

### Growing Flickers

I grew up in The Salvation Army, played in the band and married a “good Army girl.” I wasn’t perfect by any stretch, but surely we didn’t



deserve this. What did God want from me?

Looking back, I believe it was pride alone that saved my relationship with God that afternoon. I didn't want to be the kind of Christian who, when faced with the first real trial in his life, packs it in. I

didn't want others to see me like that. Whatever it was, I made a choice in that moment, a choice I wasn't sure I had the strength to follow through on: I made a choice to trust God.

I'm not saying that I was suddenly at peace in my soul. God and I had



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words. I made demands of Him. This choice was a head choice; it was not directed by my heart. I'm pretty sure, actually, that my heart wanted no part of this plan. It started out as a tear-filled, painful cry out to a God who, at that moment, I either didn't believe in or maybe even despised, yet I decided to trust Him anyway.

At first, God was not comforting. The message He kept sending me was, "I never promised an easy life." I had to concede He was right, but I did believe I had Him in my debt. I pointed out to Him Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." God owed me a "good" to come from this.

I prayed for weeks that He would show me that good, and God did open my eyes. He met me in my lowest moments and, in the darkness, quietly came to my side. He let me lash out at Him, like a child having a tantrum, but He only moved closer. God revealed to me that His heart was broken along with mine that day; He reminded me that He had lost a Son; He knew my pain. He had walked this road and was choosing to bear the pain all over again so

that He could walk beside me.

And then, like little flickers of light, God showed me that even in the darkest moments, He had had mercy on us. We found out that the bleed in Emily's brain was so bad, the doctor was on his way to meet with us to strongly suggest that we halt care and let her pass. Ten minutes before that meeting was to take place, she passed on her own. God saved us from having to make that terrible decision.

The flickers of light continued to grow. We met people, now lifelong friends, because of shared experiences of loss. We discovered that one of the nurses who read my Facebook posts about Emily was drawn back to her church. At Christmas-time each year, in Emily's memory, a family in our community is chosen to receive extra help from our Salvation Army church.

### Provided by God

The world was getting brighter. Most of all, my relationship with God was deepening. It all started from a decision my head made while my heart was broken and unable to follow.



Now, two and a half years later, our third daughter, Avery, has been born. Like her sisters, she came into this world earlier than usual.

Again, I find myself asking questions such as, “Why can’t this one be easy?” And I get the same response: “I never promised you easy.”

To make it more complicated, as I write this, we are in the middle of the COVID-19 outbreak. I’m unable to visit Avery due to visitor restrictions. Every day, I drive Kristen to

the hospital so she can visit, while I sit in the parking lot. These hours have become my time to talk to God, to recharge my soul.

I don’t know why God has chosen such a challenging path for us. I know I don’t have the strength to walk it on my own, but God has taught me that He will provide what I need to stay the course. *ff*

#### **Safe and Sound**

Joshua and Kristen are now home from the hospital with newborn Avery and Ruth





Photo: Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures

# A Hidden Life

Lyrical film explores an Austrian farmer's valiant stand against the Nazis.

by Geoff Moulton

**W**ar comes not only with a physical toll; there is also a spiritual cost. For those who take arms against oppressive regimes such as Nazi Germany, it is difficult enough. But what would it have been like to have been recruited by the Nazis? Would any person's faith have stood up under such pressure?

## A Difficult Decision

*A Hidden Life* chronicles the real-life story of conscientious objector Franz Jägerstätter (August Diehl), an Austrian peasant farmer in 1939

who lives with his wife in the small village of St. Radegund, then part of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. When the Second World War breaks out, Franz is conscripted into the German army, called to basic training and forced to spend months away from his family. As a soldier, he has difficulty reconciling his Christian faith with blind allegiance to the Nazis. Fortunately, France surrenders in 1940 before Franz is deployed, and it seems as though the war might end.

Franz is sent home, and director Terrence Malick invites us to dwell



### Calm Before the Storm

Franz Jägerstätter (August Diehl) and his wife, Fani (Valerie Pachner), till their fields in the days before he is called back into the German military

on scenes of domestic bliss, the tender family relationship between Franz and his wife, Fani (Valerie Pachner), and his three daughters. The camera lingers on the beauty of nature as seasons come and go and Franz tends the fields amid the majesty of the Austrian mountains. Malick draws a stark contrast between the idyllic natural world and the evils that men are capable of in wartime. Warplanes fly overhead and soldiers march in, shattering the peace in their valley.

As the war drags on, Franz is called into service a second time, and this time he resists. In frustration, his mother and sister-in-law, Resie (Maria Simon), turn against him. Why would he put his personal belief above the safety of his family? Why not just give in? Likewise, many of the townspeople react violently to Franz's decision, ostracizing Franz and his family. Even the Bishop of Salzburg tells him to capitulate. Will his resolve hold?

### Following the Right Path

When Franz refuses to swear an oath to Hitler and the Third Reich, he is imprisoned and must wait months for a trial. He is sustained by the faithful letters from his wife, who

eventually goes to visit him in Berlin. But time runs out, and Franz faces the ultimate test: the death sentence as punishment for his resistance.

Malick is known for his long, meditative movies that tackle the meaning of existence and the search for God in a hostile universe. Franz reminds one of Job, that man in the Bible who had tremendous wealth and then lost it all when Satan took away his family, livelihood and health. His wife and friends urged him to "curse God and die" (see Job 2:9), yet Job remained faithful.

We may not be facing the same horrible decision as Franz or Job, but we, too, can have our faith challenged. *A Hidden Life* examines what it means to have integrity in the face of enormous opposition. Franz's journey teaches us that faith is not an abstract ideal, but a deliberate decision every day to follow the right path.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the famous German pastor who was also executed by the Nazis, put it best: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." *ff*

*A Hidden Life is available on most on-demand services.*

# Eating Healthy With Erin



## SESAME NOODLE SALAD

**TIME** 1 hr 15 min **MAKES** 6 servings **SERVE WITH** barbecue chicken or salmon

Recipe photos: Erin Stanley



500 ml (2 cups) cooked shelled edamame beans  
300 g (10 oz.) dry thin noodles  
500 ml (2 cups) cubed mango  
375 ml (1½ cups) grated carrot  
45 ml (3 tbsp) sesame seeds (for garnish)

**For sauce:**

125 ml (½ cup) tahini  
75 ml (⅓ cup) water  
30 ml (2 tbsp) sesame oil  
75 ml (7 tbsp) tamari  
1 mandarin or clementine orange

1. Boil 2 cups of water and add edamame beans. Simmer for 4 minutes and shell once cooled.
2. Cook noodles in boiling water until tender, rinse with cold water and set aside.
3. In bowl combine noodles, edamame, mango and carrot.
4. Blend all the sauce ingredients until smooth and dress the salad.
5. Garnish with sesame seeds, chill for one hour, then serve.

## CREAMY BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER SALAD

**TIME** 5 min **MAKES** 4 servings **SERVE WITH** hamburgers or hot dogs



500 ml (2 cups) broccoli florets  
500 ml (2 cups) cauliflower florets  
60 ml (¼ cup) roasted sunflower seeds  
30 ml (2 tbsp) dried goji berries or cranberries  
75 ml (⅓ cup) mayonnaise  
45 ml (3 tbsp) milk  
22 ml (1½ tbsp) sugar  
15 ml (1 tbsp) apple cider vinegar  
1 ml (¼ tsp) salt

1. Combine broccoli, cauliflower, sunflower seeds and berries in a bowl.
2. Whisk together mayonnaise, milk, sugar and apple cider vinegar.
3. Add dressing mixture to salad.
4. Add pinch of salt. Cover and chill for one hour.





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## Sudoku Puzzle

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

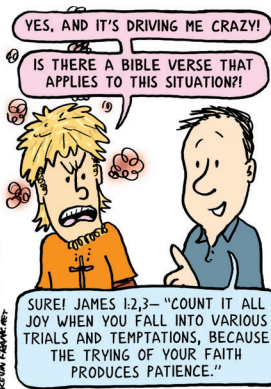
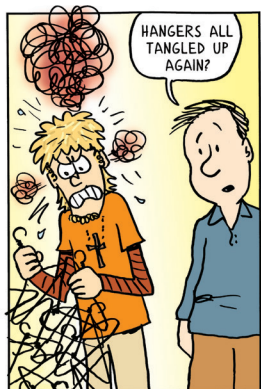
### QUICK QUIZ

1. What is the capital of Brazil?
2. What year did the Second World War Battle of Midway occur?
3. What is the fear of cats called?

Answers on next page.

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THRIFT SHOP** by Kevin Frank



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# Word Search *The Odyssey*



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Quick Quiz Answers: 1. Brasilia;  
2. 1942; 3. ailurophobia.

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## Garden Party

A “jean-ius”  
DIY for your  
green thumb.

Turn a thrifted pair of jeans into a sturdy gardening apron in just five simple steps.

**Supplies Needed:** jeans, needle and thread, scissors, seam ripper, buttons, sewing machine (optional).

**Step 1** Buy a pair of jeans from your local Salvation Army thrift store. The pair should be loose, not fitted.

**Step 2** Wash your jeans, then remove the belt loops. Save the loops for Step 4.

**Step 3** Cut off the front of the jeans to create the apron. First, cut along the outside of one leg, all the way to the top, up to the waist. Then cut

along the waist to remove the front of the jeans. Cut off the other leg in the same way. Cut across the back of the jeans to make the apron your desired length.

**Step 4** Sew the button loops back on the apron. The loops and pockets can now hold gardening tools. Sew buttons, 25 millimetres apart, on the waist so you can resize your apron as needed.

**Step 5 (Optional)** Add some flair to your apron. I added polka dot burlap ribbon—other options include extra buttons, patches or fabric paint. Get creative!



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*The Salvation Army continues to provide its essential services to the vulnerable, but to ensure the safety of clients and staff all thrift stores have been temporarily closed due to COVID-19.*

# COVID-19: Support the Vulnerable!



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